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COLLEGE COSTS

Regents approve plan hiking tuition, parking

Course cost rises 2 percent

Commuters will pay more

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Inflation is a fact of life that permeates all aspects of a person's life, even his or her college tuition.

The Missouri Southern Board of Regents voted Jan. 16 to increase College tuition from \$72 to \$73.50 per semester hour for 1998-99. The increase is approximately 2 percent, which is about the rate of inflation, explained College President Julio Leon.

"We want to retain the lowest tuition costs in the state and continue to give the average student the ability to attend Missouri Southern," he said.

In some years, tuition increases were not decided until after the Missouri legislature and the governor agreed upon the College's budget for the

upcoming school year. That decision is usually made around May, according to Leon.

"That situation was creating problems for the admissions office and College recruiting," Leon said. "The financial aid office is also at a disadvantage because they can't tell students what their costs will be."

Revenue from tuition now makes up approximately 35 percent of the total College budget, Leon explained. State appropriations provide 60 percent of the total budget, with the remaining monies coming from various sources including federal financial aid and investment revenues.

Many students on campus are not even aware of the upcoming tuition increase.

"I didn't know there was going to be a tuition increase,"

said Linda Edwards, junior marketing major. "But it doesn't sound like very much, so it doesn't bother me. Tuition isn't a huge factor for me since I am going to Southern because it is close to home and I think it is a good college."

It is almost inevitable that student tuition will go up every year. There are just too many departments asking for budget increases to rely solely upon state appropriations, Leon said.

"I don't think students here should complain," said Marlon Douglas, senior marketing major from New York. "Back east it costs a lot more to go to school. It is not too much to pay for an education."

"I don't think it will be a problem for students," Leon said. "They realize we are trying to keep tuition as low as possible." □

Comparing costs

Missouri Southern plans to raise tuition to \$73.50 per credit hour and parking fees to \$15 a semester. This is a list showing what other colleges charge.

College	Tuition	Parking
Mizzou	\$124.80	\$26-52
Truman	\$135	\$50*
CMSU	\$88	\$30
NWMSU	\$84.50	\$35-55
SMSU	\$93	\$17-28
Harris-Stowe	\$79	\$0
MWSC	\$88	\$20*
Lincoln	\$84	\$15*
UMKC	\$142.60	\$40
UMR	\$121	\$40-80*
UMSL	\$124.80	\$6.55**
PSU	\$1008	\$0***

* yearly parking fee
** per credit hour parking fee
*** tuition for 10 or more credit hours

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

By TAMMY SPICER
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A new load of classes won't be the only thing facing Missouri Southern students in the fall. A 200 percent increase in campus parking fees will be part of their new schedule.

"What is 200 percent of \$5?" asked College President Julio Leon. "Fifteen dollars is still very low compared to what students at other universities have to pay."

The revenue raised by the parking fee increase will go toward replacing parking spots that will be lost in the construction of a new building on campus. The new field house will sit between Young Gymnasium and Taylor Hall.

"If all goes well, construction on the field house could start as early as March," said Bob Beeler, director of the physical plant. "Of course, it all depends on the weather."

The College will lose 130 parking spots to the new construction, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president. To compensate for that loss, a new parking lot is being

planned near the tennis courts and soccer fields. The location is in the flood plain and the ground will have to be raised. The new lot will have approximately 200 spots, he explained.

The project is estimated to cost \$500,000, or \$2,500 per parking space, Tiede said.

"It is going to take four years of revenue from the fee increase to pay for a new lot," Leon said. "The net gain will only be about 70 parking spaces."

The new lot will serve the field house and gymnasium, Reynolds Hall, and Spiva Library.

"I think that more than doubling the fee is too much," said Anna Ford, freshman undecided major. "I don't think it is something that needs to be done."

When the initial parking lot is paid for, the College plans to expand it by another 200 spots. The second addition to parking is expected to be completed in eight or nine years, depending on the final cost of the first lot and inflation, Tiede explained.

"It doesn't make sense to me," said Amee Duvall, senior management major. "Why should you have to pay more for the exact same situation?" □

COLLEGE FINANCES

Southern's budget could rise

Governor approves Spiva expansion plan

By AARON DESLATTÉ
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — For one man and an institution, it was a day four years in the making.

When Gov. Mel Carnahan submitted his fiscal 1999 budget before the General Assembly on Jan. 21, it contained the largest capital improvements recommendation for higher education since his administration took office.

And no one listening to the governor's State of the State address in the House chamber boasted a bigger grin than Missouri Southern President Julio Leon.

A total of \$129,506,545 was recommended for four-year state higher edu-



Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) and Missouri Southern President Julio Leon (right) discuss the proposed budget.

cation facilities in the fiscal 1999 budget; this coming from the same administration that, one year ago, recommended only \$11,615,613 for higher education and left Southern with no capital improvement funding at all.

Southern's chunk of the recommendation includes \$5,856,696 to be used

for the renovation and 40,000-square-foot addition to Spiva Library. The College was also recommended to receive \$455,000 for the renovation of the Ummel Technology Building.

The governor's recommendation came as a surprise to some legislators and college officials who expected

the sums to be much lower.

"I'd been told the total amount would be in the area of \$80 million," said Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin). "I was surprised they came up with that much money."

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STUDENT ILLNESS

Senate president recovering after brain operation

By GINNY DUMOND
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Instead of attending classes and presiding over Student Senate meetings, senior computer science major Eden Aber is fighting to regain her strength at a Kansas City hospital.

On Jan. 10, Aber had brain surgery to remove a large tumor from the back of her brain.

"She'd been complaining for about a month prior to finding out that she'd been having headaches," said Dave Aber, Eden's father. "Then, Tuesday (Jan. 6) I noticed Eden had a very severe difficulty in walking."

By Friday, Jan. 9 Aber was having a CT scan performed in Lee's Summit. She was later referred to Kansas City Research Medical Center.

"We came over to Research Medical and saw Dr. [Jeffrey] Blatt, who showed us the CT scan and showed us the mass," Dave Aber said. "It was about the size of a handball in the back center portion of her brain."

"By 6:30 [Friday evening] we were waiting for the MRI. She'd been admitted to the hospital and we were making arrangements for the surgery to be the next morning."

Sara Raines, Aber's sister, said the doctors working with her agreed it would be best to remove the tumor as soon as possible. After six and a half hours of surgery on Saturday, Jan. 10, Aber was placed in the intensive care unit of the hospital. Due to the size of the tumor, doctors were unaware going into surgery that the mass was actually connected to Aber's brain stem.

"He (the doctor) described it as literally having to peel the tumor off of the brain stem and said it was in an area where it could affect some of the facial muscles on the left side," Dave Aber said. "So, she is experiencing some paralysis on her left side and having trouble focusing both eyes together."

Raines said Aber's difficulties after surgery came as a surprise to all involved.

"The doctors didn't really expect this outcome," Raines said. "They told Dave that they hadn't really run into anything like this, so they weren't really sure what to do."

After progressing fairly well for the first four days after surgery, Aber's recovery plateaued due to fluid building in her brain. Consequently, she had another operation Jan. 22 to place a shunt at her brain base to aid in draining the fluid.

Aber's next course of action will be to get well enough to leave the hospital and begin the rehabilitation process, which will likely last through the end of the semester.

Raines said the rehabilitation process will be a tough one.

"I think they expect her to get better than she is right now with rehab, but it may take awhile," she said. "She's very determined. She's an Aber, and if they want to do something, they'll do it." □



Aber

BOARD OF REGENTS

Governor calls on Mathis to be voice of students

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

For the next two years Christin Mathis, sophomore undecided major, will be representing students on the Missouri Southern Board of Regents. During her term, the role of the student regent may change.

She was selected to the two-year student regent position earlier this month by Gov. Mel Carnahan. He named 11 students to boards of colleges and universities throughout the state.

"These outstanding students are the leaders of tomorrow," Carnahan said.

Mathis is active in several campus organizations. She sees her new position as an avenue between the student body and the Board.



Mathis

"As I understand it, the duties of the position include attending the meetings and answering any questions the Board has about the student body as well as identifying things on campus that need to be done and presenting those to the Board," she said. "I am looking for what the student body is interested in."

The student regent does not have a vote and is not permitted to attend closed meetings. However, Rep. Craig Hosmer (D-Springfield) has introduced a bill to the state legislature that would allow student regents and their faculty counterparts to attend closed meetings. The measure includes a provision that would provide for the student or faculty regent's removal if he or she disclosed confidential information.

Hosmer wants students and faculty to have input in important educational decisions.

"It allows the two most important groups in higher education to have input," he said. "I think it would add a new dimension to the position of student regent."

The student and faculty regents would also receive

financial reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses. The reimbursement provision is meant to offset cost incurred by the University of Missouri system's regents for travel between the four campuses.

According to Hosmer, a similar bill has passed the House twice before meeting opposition from the Senate. Hosmer believes the Senate was concerned about letting students and faculty into closed meetings and creating a possible conflict of interest. He expects that student and faculty regents would recognize possible conflicts and not participate in those discussions.

"I think the student regent should be allowed to attend the meetings," Mathis said. "The important thing is to make sure you have the right kind of person on the Board, a student who can be responsible and be quiet when it is time to be quiet."

Hosmer is optimistic about the bill despite the previous failures.

"Like a lot of legislation, people have to be educated about it," he said. □

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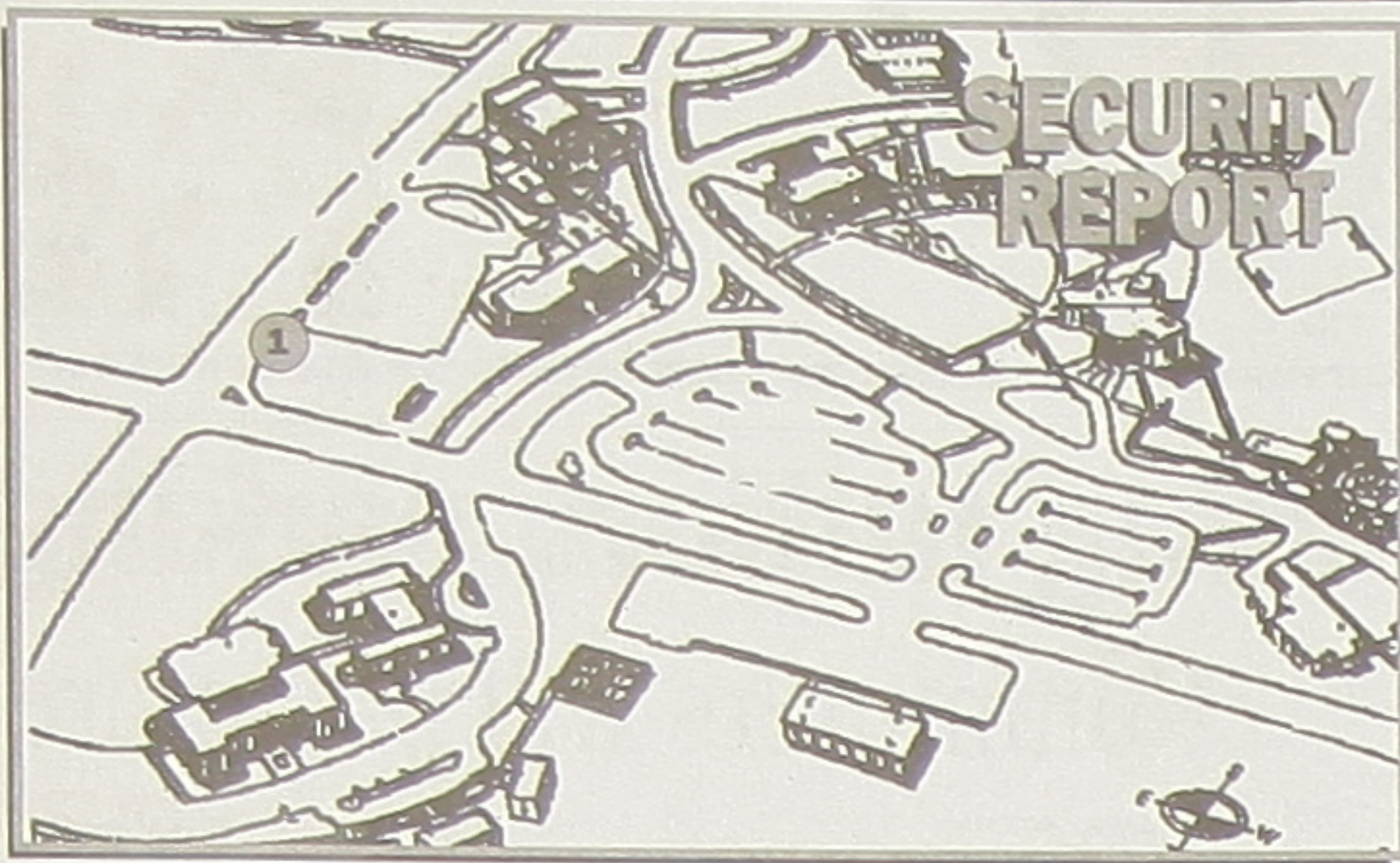
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MEN'S ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Lantz accepts buyout

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

Officially ending his nine-year career at Missouri Southern, former Lion head football coach Jon Lantz reached a buyout agreement with College officials earlier this month.

Lantz' last day at Southern was Jan. 15.

Lantz resigned as head coach six games into the 1997 campaign after an on-field incident involving one of his players. After his resignation, Lantz served as an assistant to men's athletic director Jim Frazier.

Lantz received a letter of termination on Dec. 10 that informed him his contract with the College would not be renewed for the following year.

Lantz said the buyout was fair to both himself and the College. He said

it makes him more available to pursue a new job.

"I was in a dead-end situation; it was worthless for me to show up for work everyday," Lantz said. "I sat down with the central administration (Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, and Dr. Terri Agee, human resources director) and worked out what we thought was a fair settlement."

"It was really a downer for me to have to go in there to work every day. I also didn't think it was fair to the school for me to go to work there and to look for another job at the same time. I think it was a classy move on the part of [John] Tiede and [Terri] Agee."

According to Tiede, the College paid Lantz 90 percent of the remainder of his contract in the buyout agreement, approximately \$24,000.

Tiede said there were two main reasons the College agreed to the buyout offer presented by Lantz.

"He had pretty well completed most of the work Mr. Frazier had set up for him to do," Tiede said. "It also saves

the College some money. In a sense we're not paying his benefits."

Lantz said coaching elsewhere is not out of the picture, but he wouldn't mind trying a new career path.

"I might want to go another direction; I've never really had a real job," he said. "I've got a couple of irons in the fire right now, but at least one of them I won't know about until at least April."

Lantz will best be remembered for his 1993 MIAA championship team. Three members of that team, Roc Smith, Richard Jordan, and James Thrash, are currently in the NFL. Lantz posted a 51-35-1 record at Southern and is 112-69-3 overall.

Lantz, who said he will still follow Southern, thinks new coach Greg Gregory will be successful.

"I think he is the right man, in the right place, at the right time," Lantz said. "He talked about taking it to the next level. I hope in fact they can take it to the next level."

"I really don't have any negative feelings for Southern." □



Lantz

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STUDENT SENATE

Fisk moves to president

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In just a matter of a month, the face of the Missouri Southern Student Senate executive officers has changed drastically.

Following the Jan. 10 brain surgery of president Eden Aber and the decision by treasurer Jill Bever not to return to school, the Senate leadership was down to two.

The first meeting of the group, Jan. 21, yielded the ascension of vice president Sandy Fisk to the top spot and the appointment of senior senator Alan Brady to treasurer. At Wednesday's meeting the vice president position was filled by junior senator Jesse DeGonia, who was elected over junior senator Tori Vicsik in a secret ballot.

"We've never had to replace executive officers in the middle of the year before," said Senate adviser Doug Camahan.

By the end of Wednesday's meeting the only executive officer holding the position she was elected to was secretary Melanie Spalding.

Aber's surgery to remove a tumor from the back of her brain will keep her out of school the duration of the semester, but she expects to be back in time for the fall semester.

"Eden was a very popular president," Camahan said.

Fisk, having taken over, said it is

difficult for the Senate to focus on business with Aber hospitalized.

"Eden had a lot of ideas for this semester, and everyone wants to carry on those ideas in her honor," she said.

One plan Fisk intends to pursue is the idea of a community service week.

As always, the Senate will focus much of its energies on appropriating funds to campus organizations. With a new treasurer and less money to work with this semester, that task may be more difficult. Senate hasn't dolled out a dime yet, but only has \$10,085.24 to work with.

"This is a smaller balance than we've had before," Brady said. "We're just going to try and do our best so that each club gets their fair share."

With three organizations applying for \$1,000 apiece at the next meeting, the Senate funds could be drained rather quickly.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the Senate filled holes within the ranks by electing seven new senators. Three seniors, two juniors, and two freshmen senator positions were filled. A sophomore position is still open. Lisa Bandy and Steve Johnson were elected to fill two senior slots, as was current parliamentarian Jason Talley, who will serve as both a senator and parliamentarian.

Seven freshmen showed up to

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■ Omnicron Delta

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Request: \$1,000

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\$10,085.24

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

NICK PARKER/The Chart

run for the two seats available, with Dave Finken and Crystal Dean the winners. Dean's husband, Kenny, was elected as a junior senator and because of DeGonia's rise to the executive level, another junior seat needed to be filled. This worked out nicely as both Dean and fellow junior Janet Ferron were originally vying for just one opening. □

FACULTY TRAVEL

Southern instructor gives concert abroad

By HEATHER DEMIER
STAFF WRITER

The opportunity to visit Beijing, China over the winter break was grasped by Dr. Kexi Liu, assistant professor of music and director of the Suzuki Violin Academy.

The Institute of International Studies and the music department helped provide financial aid to make Liu's trip to China possible.

He said three major goals for the trip consisted of performing a violin recital, meeting the faculty members of the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing, and recruiting students.

"As a teacher of performing arts, I need to actively perform in concerts on a regular basis. My recital will enhance my performing experience, expand my repertoire, and improve my playing technique," Liu stated in his application to the Institute of International Studies.

He performed his recital on Dec. 27 at the Salon of Fine Arts in the Beijing International Arts Palace. The program included three sonatas for violin and piano by Mozart, Schubert, and Beethoven. Liu was accompanied by Yaoling Wang, a piano instructor at the Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing. She is a well-known chamber musician and a prominent piano accompanist in China, Liu said.

"To perform a recital with such a pianist of high caliber is beneficial," he said.

The Institute of International Studies is always trying to promote travel by the faculty to interesting places so they can bring back enthusiasm to share with students, said Richard Massa, director of the Institute.

While in Beijing, Liu met with three instructors of the Central Conservatory of Music. One was a legendary violin teacher in China.

"We exchanged viewpoints of the philosophy and principles in violin teaching as well as the ways to teach specific violin playing techniques," Liu said. □

SOUTHERN
NEWS
BRIEFS

Van Leer to give one-man performance

Some of history's most influential African-American figures — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm X, Nat Turner, Marcus Garvey, Frederick Douglass, Robert Johnson, and Muddy Waters — will be on campus at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Their appearance will be made possible through the emotionally riveting performance of Daryl Van Leer's one-man show. The program is free and open to the public.

The show features vivid portrayals of the figures, their passion, their trials, and their triumphs. Titled "From the Gallows to the Gavel," the show earned Van Leer a nomination for the 1996 NAACP Theatre Award. The National Association of Campus Activities has recognized his work with a "Best Performance" award, and he has been named "Performer of the Year" by *Campus Activities Today*.

He has appeared on stage, in films, and in television movies and commercials. His theatrical repertoire also includes stand-up comedy. Van Leer's movie credits include *A League of Their Own*, co-starring Geena Davis and Tom Hanks. His travels on the comedy circuit include appearances at The Comic Strip and Catch a Rising Star in New York. □

Alpha Phi Sigma inducts first Southern members

Several Missouri Southern students were inducted recently into Alpha Phi Sigma, a national criminal justice honor society. This is the first year for the Southern chapter.

Charter members are Sonya Hosey, Kathlene Jensen, Kenny Dean, James McMillian III, Dustin Quesenberry, Alicia Humes, Amanda Stark, Jason Winger, Micky Rantz, Greg Mitchell, Mark Gann, Timothy Hansen, Robert Hogue, Rebecca Hutchison, Susan Manard, Stephanie Ralston, Katherine Ray, Wayne Winder, Virgil Henson IV, Jami Lakin, Oren Barnes, Pat Cushman, Donna Martin, Kathleen Strohl, Marty Yust, Rose Beebe, Jason Woodmansee, Sarah Davis, Amelia Maples, Michael Bronakoski, Kenneth Morris, Russell Berry, Ryan Martin, and Katherine Rose. □

KGCS-LP to spotlight free medical provider

A Joplin organization offering free medical care will be highlighted in an upcoming edition of "Newsmakers," a program produced by Missouri Southern Television, a service of the communications department at the College.

Dr. Michael Nagle, a physician at the Community Clinic, and Candice Russell, a volunteer, are guests on the program. Doctors and nurses volunteer time once each week. The program will explore the clinic's organization.

Host Judy Stiles will interview the guests on the program scheduled to air at 6:30 a.m. Saturday on KOAM-TV. □

Southern Foundation set to begin Phonathon

The last 15 Phonathons sponsored by the Missouri Southern Foundation have provided approximately \$1.9 million for a variety of programs at Missouri Southern.

The 16th edition of the annual event will begin with a kickoff ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the Foundation House on the College campus.

"Calling for the Future" is the theme of the 16th annual Phonathon. This year's goal is \$221,000.

The Phonathon continues through Feb. 12. □

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Southern instructor learns first-hand of Irish conflicts

Kluthe, nine other American teachers attend seminar

By MICHAEL RASKA
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For a time, one might have said that Northern Ireland was a country with a tradition of armed conflict. But according to one Missouri Southern instructor, times are changing.

Attending an international faculty seminar at the University of Ulster at Coleraine, Northern Ireland, Dr. Patricia Kluthe, Missouri Southern assistant director of the honors program, had an opportunity to learn more about the conflict in Northern Ireland.

Only 10 participants from the United States attended Conflict Resolution: On the Threshold of Peace Jan. 4-10.

"We have looked at the conflict, shared research, and heard representatives from each political party involved in Northern Ireland," Kluthe said. "We had an opportunity to talk with many influential people in Ireland such as Sean Farren, professor in the school of education at the University of Coleraine and the chief negotiator at the peace talks for the Social Democratic and Labour Party. Also, we attended a reception orga-

nized by Alban Maginness, the first Catholic mayor of the city of Belfast in centuries."

The nature of the conflict in Northern Ireland is about the demanded autonomy from the British, she said.

"People are realizing that military victory of the IRA (Irish Republican Army) and the British Army is not possible for either side. People are ready to end the fighting."

The IRA announced the cessation of military operations in August 1994, and since then all parties are involved in political negotiations. The peace talks, however, are often scared by violence.

"We seek the establishment of a new Ireland based on sustainable social and economic development, genuine democracy, participation, equality, and justice at all levels of the economy and society — and a lasting and meaningful peace with unity of purpose and action," said Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein, the oldest political party in Ireland often associated with the violent actions of the IRA.

The British army regiments combine military strength of 32,085 personnel in Northern Ireland whose presence and massive network of security restrictions affect every aspect of civilian life, according to Sinn Fein.

"You can feel the conflict everywhere you go by seeing the mili-



Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program, meets with an Irish mayor during her visit to Ireland as a participant in an international faculty seminar at the University of Ulster at Coleraine, Northern Ireland.

tary. Also, paintings and graffiti on the houses give you the feeling of anger," Kluthe said. "However, when you talk to ordinary people they want peace."

Kluthe hopes to incorporate the various opinions and perspectives gained from the seminar in her honors class to give students a first-hand look on the conflict in Ireland.

"I got so much out of the seminar," Kluthe said. "It gave me a unique perspective of what is happening in Northern Ireland that I can share with students at Southern. We are trying to help the students to see beyond and develop a global viewpoint."

The Institute of International Studies helped sponsor the trip as a

part of Southern's international mission.

"Last year there were a total of 34 faculty trips overseas with institutional support," said Richard Massa, director of the institute. "Anytime we send someone overseas, we are looking for some direct influence on the campus culture. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Gregory brings history of success to Lion football

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

From several players being forced off the team because of problems off the field to the incident that sparked the resignation of former head coach Jon Lantz, distractions plagued Missouri Southern's football team last season.

Distractions, new head coach Greg Gregory believes, will become a thing of the past next season.

"As a head football coach my job is to prepare the team to win; we can't afford distractions," he said. "There is only one thing to do with distractions, and that is to eliminate them."

Gregory believes what happens off the field affects players' performances on the field.

"We have to do the things a champion

would do on and off the field. When we do that, we become a championship football team," he said.

Gregory started his football career at Richmond as a player. He coached at the University of Virginia as a graduate assistant before moving to coach at Army, where he would eventually become offensive coordinator.

A winning football team is exactly what Gregory helped produce during his 16 years at Army. The Cadets competed in four bowl games, won five Commander in Chief trophies, and were 10-6 versus arch-rival Navy.

For Gregory, 40, the time had come to make the move into head coaching.

"I knew I wanted to be a head coach," he said. "I knew it was now or never."

Gregory and his wife have been together since they were both 14 years old. They decided because of their children's ages it was time to make the transition. The Gregorys have two sons, ages 14 and 11, and a daughter, 7.

Gregory made one condition a necessity

when looking for a head coaching job.

"I wanted to make sure that wherever I went they had the commitment and the resources that would give me the opportunity to compete for the national title," he said. "I think you can do it here."

His success at Army has given Gregory the resources to know what is most important in developing a winning team.

"We're trying to develop what I call a championship culture on the football team," he said. "I believe strongly in this. I believe it's a thread that runs throughout your program."

Gregory's beliefs and attitude have already gained the attention of his players.

"He brings a lot of enthusiasm, and all the players seem to respect him," said junior Brad Cornelsen, the quarterback that Gregory calls the best in the country.

With such leaders on the team, Gregory believes his definition of *team* can best be exemplified.

"I think a team is made in the locker room, in the dorms, when they eat, and in the

classroom," he said. "That's when the team is made, when the coaches aren't around."

Gregory believes the answer to creating a team lies in positivity.

"If you want to have a good positive opinion of the team, do positive things and hang around positive people," he said.

Cornelsen believes in Gregory's ability to create that *team*.

"Every program has problems," he said. "I'm sure Coach Gregory will be able to handle it and create a team atmosphere."

Gregory also has a theory of a football culture.

"Your culture or belief system is like the roots of a tree," he said. "If it's strong, sure you'll sway a little, but you'll always stand tall. If it's weak, you'll fall."

Gregory's experience and the leadership skills he has gained throughout his coaching career have produced a fresh outlook on what a true leader does.

"Leadership is something you don't push, you pull," he said. "You go out there and pull them where you want them to go." □



Gregory

EDITOR'S COLUMN

Technology separates generations

Practically everyone has access to a computer, unemployment is down, and the commercials during Super Bowl were pretty smooth this year. I might assume that the world found order in view of these ground-breaking events. However, two things suggest to me that this is an untrue assumption: the Clinton administration and the generational warfare that has consistently existed from pre-baby boomers on.



Kiki Coffman
Assistant Editor

Comparisons between generations are practically impossible. My 5-year-old nephew listens to descriptions about dinosaurs on his computer, and my 16-year-old sister insists that we need our own Web site.

On the other hand, my mother insists that the VCR lacks a rewind button and doesn't understand why she has to flip over the message tape in her answering machine when the tape is full. But my father has adapted well and has adopted a mobile phone and fax machine.

I am suggesting that technology has more to do with the shift in my generation's viewpoints than some missing intrinsic part of their mental capacities. America is the entertainment capital of the world and people born into it are exposed immediately to the Internet and cable television, not to mention Sega, radio, and the variety of publications available to the public.

Meanwhile, the education system has had every kind of bizarre teaching method introduced into the classroom, not staying consistent for more than two years. Kids are confused, teachers are confused, and for what?

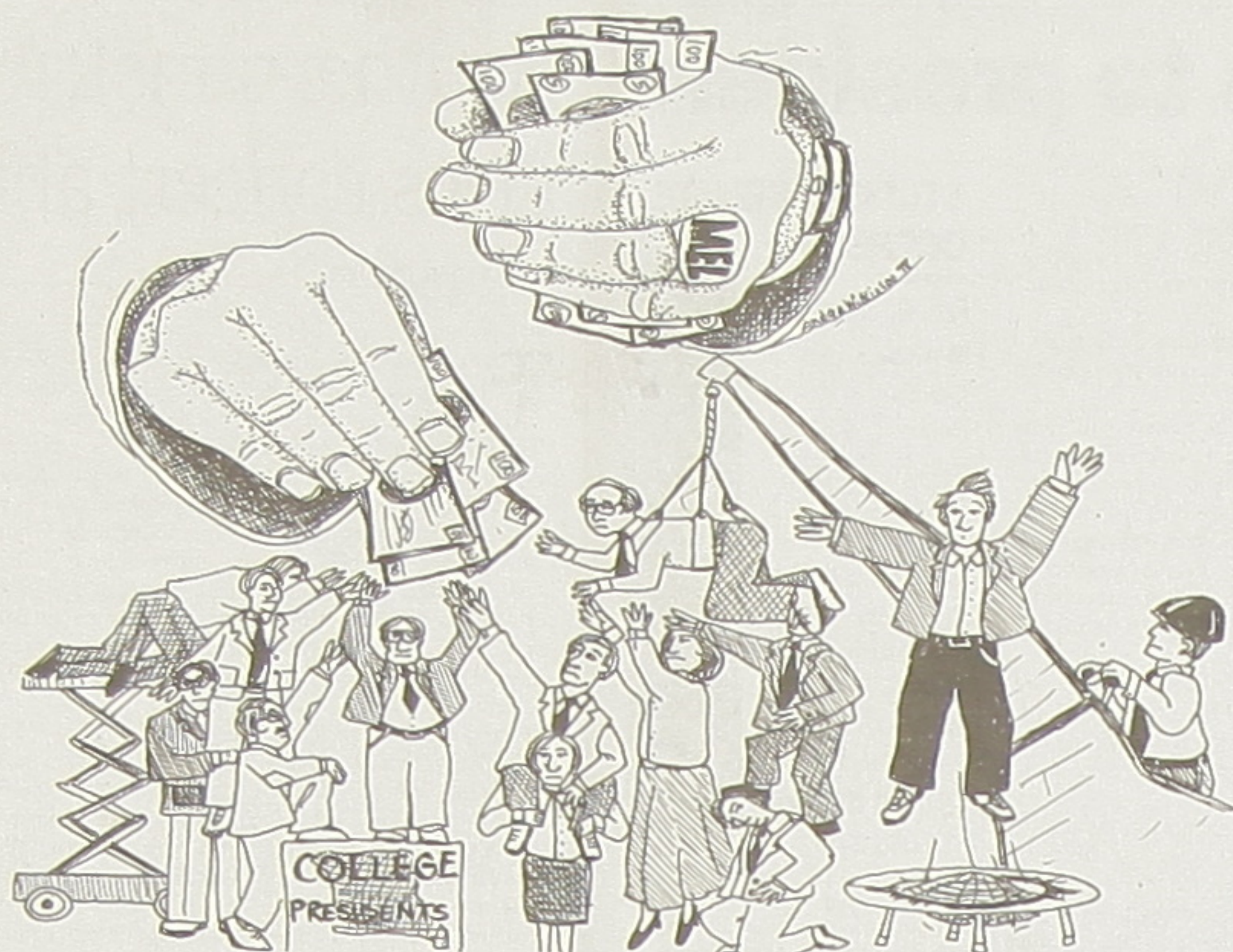
E.D. Hirsch's book, *Cultural Literacy*, focuses on why today's youth and college graduates lack a basic understanding of their culture, when the intellectual society began to disappear from America, and what information constitutes a strong understanding of culture.

An understanding of culture is important in order to identify with other people via "common" knowledge. But without a secure system of teaching and focus on specific information, students are left without a context in which to fit the data they are fed. Historic dates, people, literature, and discoveries are lost in the glut of trivia that is tossed around consistently. And though books, like Hirsch's, acknowledge the futility in blaming a particular generation for cultural ignorance, suspicion and loathing continue to be directed at new 20-somethings, who have been pegged as "slackers," "losers," and "Prozac-hungry bums." These name-calling tactics have been thrown out in an effort to pin down a problem that will not be subdued.

Some theorists suggest that the endless stream of information pouring into the consciousness of the population creates a numbness in the individual — an incapacity or hindrance to isolate particularly important information. With this in mind, one wonders how slams about the ignorance of this nation's students could be viable.

Indeed there is a problem that must be addressed. If each person could plod their way through a book, it would be nice. And one cannot deny the disintegration of respect that has occurred between each generation's time frame. But does that warrant the "pass the buck" attitude that so many people have adopted? It is, finally, each person who must answer for his or her self.

Maybe a little consideration should be given while my contemporaries study the theories connected with human cloning, sentient beings on the Internet, and the lines from every "South Park" episode. After all, the results of today's actions remain to be seen. □



OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Being hard on the Beaver

Reaching deep into the pockets of the state, Gov. Mel Carnahan did something Jan. 21 that Missouri Southern had been waiting on for more than 12 years. He offered the College money for library improvements.

Spiva Library has been like a car running on fumes for the last few years. Its antiquated (name anything here) has been a headache for students and library staffers for what seems like decades. Finally the governor pulled out the checkbook to bring relief ... well, sort of.

Instead of picking up the total cost of the \$6.5 million project, Carnahan and his budget wizards decided to play a little Ward Cleaver politics. Southern plays the role of Beaver in this installment. Here we find Ward showing the Beav the value of hard work by insisting the Beav pays 10 percent of the cost for his shiny new toy. And Beaver must come up with the 10 percent before Ward gives him the rest of the cash. If the Beaver can't come up with the 10 percent, Beaver gets zip.

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: Chart@mail.mssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Visitor avoids Matthews Hall encounters

On Dec. 12, a friend and I went to use the laser printer in Matthews Hall. Turning the door handle of the computer lab, we discovered it was locked. With the sign on the window reading that this lab is open until 5 p.m. and our watches reading 4:30, we decided to go to the school of business office to ask if someone would open it for us (we still had 30 minutes).

In this office, we encountered Dean Gray. Asking him if he would open the door, he hesitated and then asked what our majors

were. My friend informed him of her major (environmental health) and he reluctantly agreed to let us in.

"Do we have to be a business major to use the printer?" I asked. He replied, "No, but you could use the laser printer in the environmental health department." I was stunned by the arrogance of this man.

As an alumnus of Missouri Southern, I am appalled at what I experienced that day in Matthews Hall. The school of business already gets more than their fair share of

funding, and now it appears that they become offended when students from other departments, or alumni for that matter, dare use their hallowed equipment.

From now on, when I visit my alma mater, I will be sure to keep my distance from Matthews Hall and bow in reverence anytime I happen to encounter Dean Gray.

Michael Dalton
Missouri Southern graduate

Recruiter ponders point of recent editorial

I'm writing in response to an editorial I had the unfortunate opportunity to read, "Military invades privacy." As a student at MSSC and also a military recruiter, I felt that I should respond.

When reading this editorial, I found it hard to decide what the point was. Recruiting? Providing lists to the military? Or as the title would suggest, privacy? It seems to me nine editors (refer to the statement, "unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors) who I assume are journalism majors, could put together a better editorial.

Why do military recruiters need lists from

colleges? The answer seems obvious. The United States terminated the draft and initiated an all-volunteer military. There is a necessity for a military regardless of draft or volunteer. Most military applicants do not just walk in the door, they have to be contacted.

It was stated "why contact people who know about the option." Do you know about the options? How many years does someone have to enlist for? What jobs are available? What is the maximum cash bonus? Can I serve for just two years? To make an intelligent decision, a person must be informed. Without talking to a recruiter, can someone make an intelligent decision?

Do you realize that 72 percent of students at MSSC receive financial aid? Thirty-one percent drop out after their first year. These are some of the people we would like to contact because we feel that we can help them.

I try not to pester or annoy people, and I do not like being compared to a salesperson. The next time a recruiter calls, keep in mind that saying "no thank you" is a small price to pay for a volunteer force versus a draft.

SSG Gilbert A. Sproul
Junior accounting major

IN PERSPECTIVE

Informed could mean employed

Today's college students must stay abreast of ongoing developments in the world of work. By being well informed of the fast changes happening today, they can begin to prepare themselves properly by taking advantage of what Missouri Southern offers.

Industrial psychologist Price Pritchett argues in his publication *New Work Habits for a Radically Changing World* that in order to survive and prosper in today's highly competitive environment, workers will have to virtually be in business for themselves while being in the employ of a company.

Essentially, the central theme is that workers will have to behave exactly like the enterprises they work for. New technologies — especially computers and telecommunications — have already created intense, worldwide competition for business.

Companies must now depend on their ability to adapt fast, to innovate, to constantly improve quality and value. In the same vein, as companies seek to adapt and to stay competitive, they are changing the work environment and the expectations they have of workers.

Competition for the worker's job can now come from practically anywhere in the world. Thus, to survive and prosper, today's worker must remain valuable to the organization, and this requires that the worker be in a mode of constant personal improvement.

Employers will expect more from employees because the marketplace is demanding far more these days from the organization itself. There is no room for employees who mainly put in their time, going through the motions but giving halfhearted effort. In today's world success belongs to the committed, to those who work from the heart, to those who invest themselves passionately in their jobs and to those who recommit quickly when changes reshape their work.

Your employer will want you to act like an owner. You will need to think and act as if you are in business for yourself, to feel personally responsible for helping cut costs, serving the customer better, improving productivity, innovating. Make sure you contribute more than you cost. It's your contribution and the value you add now that counts. Longevity, loyalty, and hard work by themselves without value added can carry one only so far in a rapidly changing world.

It doesn't take long for skills and knowledge to become obsolete these days. Lifelong learning is the only way to remain competitive in today's job market. Homework — studying on your own — should become a regular part of your weekly routine. Read, attend workshops, seminars. Take courses. Ask for learning opportunities. Forget about "finishing" your education. From now on, it will always be commencement.

Organizations can't stop the world from changing. The best they can do is adapt. The smart ones change before they have to. The same is true of individuals. Don't count on your work history to qualify you for a promising future. You must embrace change and develop the work habits you will need for job success in the Information Age.

So, in the face such drastic changes in the workplace, how can a Missouri Southern student begin to develop or enhance the work habits necessary for job success in the 21st Century? I can suggest four areas where a student can take advantage of what our college offers.

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Dr. Julio Leon
College President

■ During a semester break internship in Belize, three Missouri Southern students traded their familiar classroom routines for a crash course in...

Reality 101



SPECIAL TO THE CHART
Southern students took a day off from their studies and hospital duties to visit Xunantunich.

Students learn from working vacation

By AILEEN GRONEWOLD
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

They missed 15 days of their semester break, but they also missed the cold and ice in Joplin. Three Missouri Southern students gladly traded part of their vacation for a chance to work in the balmy climate of Belize, Central America, this month.

Jessica Cales, junior pre-med major; Maranatha Covert, junior nursing major; and Kendra Millard, December biology graduate, arranged an internship working with doctors in Belize City and San Ignacio. Each had different objectives for the trip based on their different majors, and each came away with distinct impressions.

Belize shares borders with Mexico and Guatemala. Because it was formerly an English colony, English is the national language. That and its beautiful Caribbean coastline make it an attractive tourist getaway.

Dr. Jim Jackson, professor of biology, said Southern students have made several trips to Belize since his own trip there in 1983. He advised the students in their preparation for the trip and was enthusiastic about how it would impact their lives.

"I think there is a greater transformation made in the students through these trips than in any of their academic studies," he said. "It solidifies their commitment to a career goal, it broadens their perceptions of the world, and it chisels away at our own provincial arrogance."

In addition to the general cultural differences, Jackson believes these students especially benefited by seeing another context of medical practice.

"Especially for Jessica [Cales], that experience will be what carries her through six years of medical school," he said.

Cales agreed with his assessment.

"The experience was just incredible," she said. "I learned how to think like a physician rather than a biologist. I came back knowing for sure I want to be a doctor."

In her research for the grant pro-

posal, Cales learned that Belize has 44 practicing physicians for a population of 229,000 people, or about 2.8 physicians per 10,000 people.

The first five days of the trip were spent at the hospital in urban Belize City. The remaining 10 days gave them the perspective of a small town clinic in San Ignacio.

"The hospital in Belize City is pretty modern," Cales said. "We worked in the emergency room and in pediatrics, and I was surprised by how much they let us do. We saw a man who had been hit by a car, and I actually got to suture his mouth."

The level of responsibility increased when they got to San Ignacio.

"The doctor would introduce us to a patient and then leave the room and let us take the vital signs and get the history," Millard said. "Then he would come back in and ask us for a diagnosis. Usually we were right."

Cales experienced the full spectrum of life — she watched the delivery of a baby and watched a woman die from a heart attack.

"I had a good background from my biology courses, but you learn so much more through hands-on experience," she said.

"The doctors really wanted us to learn. I was especially impressed by the quality of care and the commitment level of the doctors at San Ignacio."

All three students said the people treated them with the same respect and confidence they gave the doctors.

"They even called us 'doctor,'" Cales said. "They called me 'Doctor Jessica'."

As a nursing student, Covert had more clinical experience than her companions and was able to do more.

"There is such a big difference in health care," she said. "They work with limited supplies, so sometimes they have to reuse them."

"We're so pampered here; everything is disposable. We have clean, well-lit rooms and adequate staff. I think I won't complain about conditions here after this experience."

Another difference they noticed is the effect of free health care.

"Everybody comes in for every-



Jessica Cales and Kendra Millard keep a sharp eye out for exotic animals and plants in between rowing during a 14-mile canoe trip on the Macal River. The purpose of the trip was to study medicinal plants.

thing, and they all leave with a prescription," Millard said.

Staff limitations require a broad range of skills, which appealed to the Southern students.

"They rotate departments so everyone knows how to do everything," Millard said.

"They don't always like that," added Covert, "but they have a broad range of skills because of it."

The absence of equipment also made an impression.

"I saw more of the human side of nursing," Covert said. "Here the emphasis is more on technology."

The medical experiences had a different effect on Millard because she was not planning a career in the medical field. Her purpose in

going to Belize was to study water quality, but her plans changed when she arrived.

Millard knew from two previous trips that water pollution was a significant health problem in the country. What she didn't know was how much progress the country had made in a short time.

"I was planning to test water samples to determine coliform levels, but they had begun treating the water since my last visit and the levels were so low it required an incubator to test them," she said.

Without the proper equipment to conduct her study, Millard changed her focus and participated in the hospital and clinic experiences. She may have discovered a

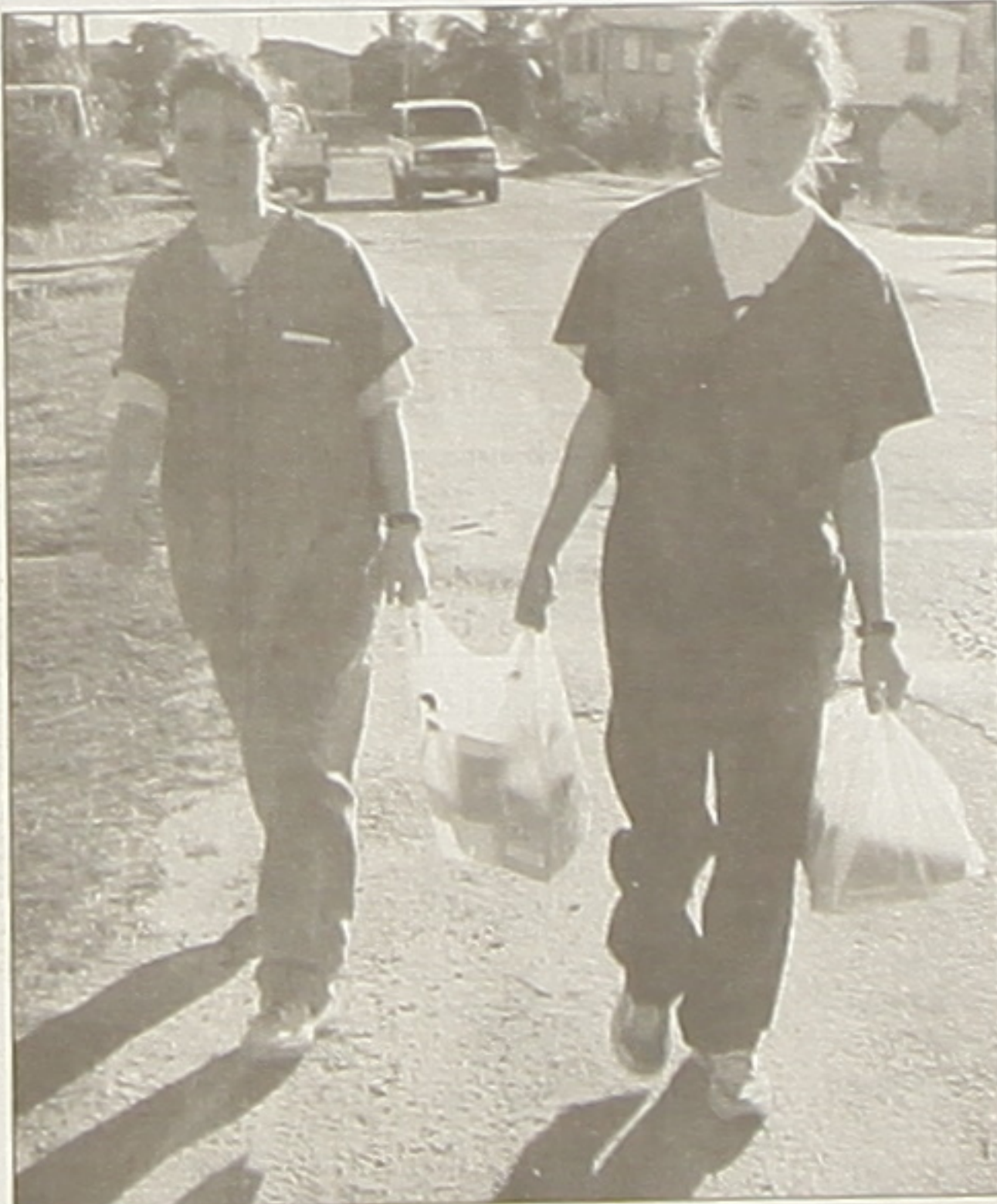
career path in the process.

"I would like to go back to Belize and go to pharmacy school," she said. "I'm drawn to the laid-back lifestyle there and I love the environment. The people are so caring — they put other people first."

In between their medical duties, the student trio took two side excursions: a 14-mile canoe trip on the Macal River to learn about medicinal plants and a visit to the Mayan ruins.

In addition to all they learned, the students said the trip inspired spiritual growth.

"We were definitely out of our comfort zones," Cales said. "I had to depend on God, and it strengthened my faith." □



Kendra Millard and Jessica Cales share the burden of the grocery shopping they did on their way home from the hospital in Belize City.



Maranatha Covert uses her nursing training to change a dressing for a Belizean man. She was able to gain valuable hands-on experience working in a hospital in Belize City and in a clinic in smaller San Ignacio.

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

International business strengthens SMSU

Some Southwest Missouri State University business students are getting a new perspective on the global marketplace thanks to a new program implemented by the college of business administration.

The new International Business Programs office was created to help SMSU faculty and undergraduate business students strengthen their understanding of competition and international affairs in the global marketplace. The cornerstone of this new global emphasis is a new international exchange program that assists with sending SMSU students to study in business schools around the world and in turn brings international students to study business at SMSU.

"Students who travel overseas gain invaluable experience," said Dr. Yohannan Abraham, professor of management and director of International Business Programs. "Plus, having overseas students here at SMS helps our students gain experience with other cultures."

Currently, seven SMSU students are in Europe studying in business schools in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands, and six overseas students have traveled to Springfield to learn about business in the United States.

Leah Kelly, a junior majoring in finance and general business, is studying this spring at the Université Blaise-Pascal in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

"Right now things are somewhat difficult," she admits, "but meeting and talking with the French and other international students is making it a very enjoyable experience." □

Father, daughter donate \$375,000 for SEMO center

A Godfrey, Ill., father and daughter have donated more than \$375,000 in land and cash to the Southeast Missouri State University Foundation to support the university's Center for Regional History and Cultural Heritage.

Lynn Bollinger and his daughter, Nancy Friend Bollinger Adams, have donated their 260-acre farm near Oran, Mo., to benefit Southeast in the operation of its Center for Regional History and Cultural Heritage. The property is valued at \$325,712.

Bollinger and Adams made an additional cash gift of \$50,000 that will be used to fund student scholarships and program enhancements for the Center for Regional History and Cultural Heritage.

The Center for Regional History and Cultural Heritage is located in Southeast's department of history. The center serves the university and region through its work in documenting, preserving, and presenting various aspects of local and regional history, architectural trends, archaeology, ethnic and folk traditions, and similar activities and interests. □

Former senator to speak at Missouri Western

Missouri Western State College officials have announced that Bill Bradley, former U.S. senator, athlete, and noted author, will speak at the 1998 Convocation on Critical Issues on Oct. 6.

Missouri Western inaugurated the convocation program in the fall of 1993 as part of an overall commitment to bring enriching experiences to the students while bringing together the college and the community. Previous speakers include Gen. Colin Powell, David McCullough, Dr. Jeane Kirkpatrick, and Arthur Schlesinger.

Bradley was born and raised in Crystal City, Mo., a small town on the banks of the Mississippi River. He graduated from Princeton University and Oxford University.

During his 18 years in the Senate, Bradley worked to promote economic growth. He announced in 1995 that he would not seek reelection to the Senate but would remain active in public life. □

AROUND CAMPUS

CAREER SERVICES

Office provides job search assistance

By BRIN CAVAN
STAFF WRITER

As a Missouri Southern junior or graduating senior, the next step seems an insurmountable hurdle — the job search.

In search of a career choice, the on-campus office of career services can help make this an easier transition. The office sets up interviews for full-time, part-time, and even internship positions.

"This program has been active for several years, but it really started blossoming within the last two to three years," said Kristy Jackson, career services coordinator.

She said the number of companies participating in the program increased by 25 percent from the 1995-96 school year to the 1996-97 school year.

Upon completion of the 1996-97 year, 32 companies interviewed 184 students. This number showed a 21 percent growth in the number of

students participating as well.

Upcoming interviews include Contract Freighters, Inc. on Feb. 3, Enterprise Rent-A-Car on Feb. 10, and The Finish Line on Feb. 11.

Southern is continually adding new companies to interview students, but some businesses have already made this a fall and spring semester return event. Some of the companies who regularly scout Southern students are Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Hormel Foods, Mutual of Omaha, and Sherwin Williams.

Contract Freighters, Inc. is one of the satisfied customers that has hired Southern students. Dan Lazenby, information systems director at CFI, currently has five computer information science majors working on an internship basis: seniors Bill Allen, Laura Hedrick, and Ryan Goheen, junior Bert Brattin, and sophomore Rocky McLaugh.

"We are extremely happy with the work being done by these students," Lazenby said.

"They have done a fantastic job."

Both Allen and Hedrick have been offered permanent positions as computer programmers with CFI upon graduation in May.

"My education at Southern presented a lot of challenge and opportunity," Hedrick said, "and my placement was excellent."

Lazenby praised Southern's on-site interviews program.

"We are always looking for good employees," he said. "This is the only way to do it!" □

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

“It’s a huge building, and you don’t realize it from the outside.”



TIM WILSON/The Chart

A student uses one of the new computerized shooting systems in the new Anderson Justice Center. The building has 17 new classrooms and an auditorium with seating for more than 300 people. A multi-purpose room designed as a half-court gymnasium is also included.

New addition provides space, technology

Several programs benefit from new campus facilities

By MARILYN TAFT
STAFF WRITER

Spatial is the best way to describe the new Anderson Justice Center.

"It's a huge building, and you don't realize it from the outside until you get inside and walk around," said Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology.

The building adds 17 new classrooms. One of the classrooms is large enough to drive a squad car or ambulance into.

"We used to keep it (a squad car) across the street in another department," said Mike Hulderman, training coordinator.

Previously, when the weather was unsuitable, demonstrations had to wait. Now, faculty can take

full advantage of the class without a second thought to the weather.

"Another room is for the two computerized shooting systems, the one from Israel and the American-made FATS (Firearm Training System)," Spurlin said.

Before the new building, the systems were set up in a classroom. Difficulties arose because the systems take about 90 minutes to setup, calibrate, and make ready for use.

One class would utilize the systems for 50 minutes, after which immediate removal occurred to allow use of the same room by the next class.

"Now we have a class dedicated to just the two systems," Spurlin said. "You just flip a switch and you're ready to start shooting."

Emergency medical services programs have their own classrooms equipped with double doors so gurneys can be wheeled in and out freely.

Carpeting along with specially

designed tables and chairs, or "pods," occupy the new interactive learning room.

As far as decorum outside the classrooms, the halls are mostly white without pictures.

"I like the purple stair handles," said Jamie Wolf, freshman criminal justice major.

The Anderson Justice Center adds more than new classroom space. It also houses a multi-purpose room, which is a half-court gymnasium.

It will facilitate the Police Academy's required 60-plus hours of self-defense and future requirements with 40 hours of physical training.

An auditorium seating 312 people is also included in the new building. It is used for the many advanced seminars for area law enforcement people and students. Graduation ceremonies for emergency medical service programs and the Police Academy are also held in the auditorium.

A student lounge and a computer room are also additions.

"There was so much congestion (in the hallway) and now there's a lot more room," said Lynne Locke, junior criminal justice major.

"We actually have a place to sit down and socialize, too," said Troy Wade, senior criminal justice major, about the new lounge.

A driving range, or pad, is one of the things Spurlin would like to see at Southern. Currently, the required eight hours of driving for academy students must be done at the airport.

He believes the Anderson Justice Center is technologically advanced.

"I don't know of very many colleges that have a crime lab in their building, a photo lab in their criminal justice building, their own gymnasium, a pistol range that is thoroughly modern, and two computerized shooting systems," Spurlin said. □

CAMPUS OFFICES

Alumni find new location

By JALYN HIGGINS
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 19, the Missouri Southern Alumni Association shuffled from the Alumni House to the EMS building located between the Learning Center and Matthews Hall.

"The alumni office moved and the Foundation office stayed," said Lee Pound, alumni director.

"This gives both the alumni office and the Foundation office more room. We both just needed more room," she said.

With the Alumni Association and the Missouri Southern Foundation both expanding, it was evident the two groups were in need of more space.

"Administration could see how much the alumni and the Foundation needed more space for supplies and meetings," Pound said.

"As long as you can justify what you need, the administration will usually go along with it."

More space is not necessarily the case. The new space only accounts for a front office that handles alumni, friends of Southern, and current students; a boardroom where the student association and the alumni meet; Pound's office; and a small work and storage area.

"We don't have a huge space," she said.

As for cost, the move didn't really have one.

"We just moved into Jack Spurlin's old office when he moved over to the new criminal justice building," Pound said. "We just took vacated space. It's no big deal. Jack moved across the street, and it was good timing. We were lucky."

The alumni office started some new projects this year, causing the need for expansion.

Among these, a Student Alumni Association (SAA) consisting of 20 students was established.

The SAA has been added to work as a liaison between the student body and the alumni board of 18 members.

Alumni board members serve two three-year terms.

"Our goal is for students to get involved now so when they graduate they can see the benefits of the association," Pound said.


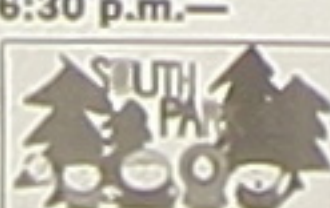
Any students interested in more information about the Alumni Association and other organizations it coordinates may contact the alumni office at 625-9355. □

CAMPUS CALENDAR

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



■ Daryl Van Leer will be performing "From the Gallows to the Gavel" a one-man show honoring African-American history on Feb. 3.

Today 30	Saturday 31	Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5
Pool Tournament sign-up deadline; racquetball office 7:30 p.m.— Southern Theatre presents "The Runner Stumbles"	6 & 8 p.m.— Basketball vs. Emporia State (DH) 7:30 p.m.—  Southern Theatre presents "The Runner Stumbles"	Student Life Center hours; 10 a.m. - 12 a.m.	Order a CAB Valentine package today at the BSC Box Office. Deadline Feb. 11. 3 p.m.— Pool Tournament racquetball court #2 4-6 p.m.— Auditions for "Beauty and the Beast" 7 p.m.— Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building	9 a.m.— Morning Mass, BSC, Room 306 4-6 p.m.— Auditions for "Beauty and the Beast" 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.— Basketball at Southwest Baptist (DH) 7 p.m.— CAB lecture: "From the Gallows to the Gavel" Webster Auditorium	Intramural Bowling League Signups through the 17th. Pool and racquetball office. 6:30 p.m.—  South park Party, SLC, Sponsored by CAB 9 p.m.— Wesley Foundation Midweek Worship	11 a.m. to 1 p.m.— Koinonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall 12:20 p.m.— Model UN meeting, Webster Hall, Room 223 12:20 p.m.— National Broadcasting Society, Webster Hall, MSTV Studio 6:30 p.m.— Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

'Runner' gives checkered performances



Actors Autumn Ross and Shawn D. Irish portray Sister Rita and Father Rivard in a scene from the production *The Runner Stumbles*.

SPIVA ART GALLERY

Art professor displays diverse range of skill

By MARLA HINKLE
STAFF WRITER

For Nick Kyle, artistic mediums are as rich and varied as the subjects they reflect. The new associate professor of art at Missouri Southern is currently showing his "eclectic" collection of paintings and mixed media assemblages.

The exhibit, which began Jan. 19, will continue through Feb. 19. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Spiva Art Gallery on campus.

The title of the show, *Eclectic Rumors*, reflects the type of art that Kyle does, which is exploring extensively a variety of two- and three-dimensional media. Kyle said there were also many rumors about the type of pieces that he produced, and the name, *Eclectic Rumors*, was created.

Before coming to Southern, Kyle was chair of the fine arts department at Putnam City (Okla.) High

School. He also taught drawing and watercolor for 10 years at the Oklahoma Museum of Art and Oklahoma City Community College.

"I hope this show introduces me to the campus of Southern and the community of Joplin," Kyle said.

The pieces featured in the show portray a wide array of Kyle's work.

"I have included many pieces of different media to show people the variety of work I do," he said. "The canvases are acrylic painting only, and some of the box constructions are mixed media, and there are also some clay and sculpture pieces included."

Kyle also has a series of figurative paintings that explores the three-dimensional aspects of man's relationship to his natural and man-made environment.

Themes in his work evolve around humankind's changing relationship to machines and objects in the environment, the

By BRIAN PALMER
ASSISTANT EDITOR

This week Southern Theatre presented *The Runner Stumbles*, an emotionally charged drama, directed by Missouri Southern graduate Brandon Davidson, which explores forbidden love in the Catholic Church.



The story takes place in rural Michigan where a priest, exiled by the church because of his sometimes unorthodox beliefs about dogma, falls in love with an enthusiastic nun.

The priest, played by Shawn D. Irish, a community actor, fights his feelings for Sister Rita, played by Autumn Ross, senior theatre major. He fights not only his feelings for her, but also his spirituality and the judicial system. When Sister Rita turns up dead, Father Rivard is put on trial for her murder.

The script, written by Milan Stitt, is slanted heavily toward human-

ism, as the only religious figure who doesn't waver from his faith is Monsignor Nicholson, played with plenty of creepiness (and makeup) by Jason Kerry Engstrom, sophomore theatre major.

The Monsignor comes off as "the bad guy," because he always challenges Rivard's humanistic views and threatens him with the power of the Bishop he serves.

The Monsignor's partner in sinister desires is the prosecutor (it's always the prosecutor, isn't it?). This guy is the stereotypical slime-ball lawyer, and that's not just because his makeup is just as overdone as the Monsignor's.

Played by James Jordan, freshman theatre major, the prosecutor rivals F. Lee Bailey in the category of "semi-human." The prosecutor terrorizes Erna Prindle, played by Tegan Whited, senior English major.

Prindle is one of the few Catholics in this rural community, and consequently is wrapped up in the events, as is Louise, a Catholic schoolgirl, played by Shelly Perkins, junior secondary education major.

The best performances in the show are turned in by Kristopher Stoker, freshman theatre major, playing Amos; Kevin Babbitt,

senior theatre major, playing Toby Felker, the insecure defense attorney; and Nadine Schmidt, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs, playing Mrs. Shandig, Rivard's housekeeper.

These three, along with the Monsignor and the prosecutor, make the play worth watching. However, they don't take the stage much (unless one counts the times they remain onstage, comically frozen in the last positions they took while a flashback scene plays itself out elsewhere).

There are good moments for the principals, as well, but they tend to be more inconsistent.

Some of the high points are so dramatically powerful they moved some audience members to tears.

There were uncomfortable moments between Rivard and Rita that translated well to the audience, but the inconsistency tainted their performances.

Rivard seems as stiff as his frozen counterparts in some scenes, while Rita seems only slightly less stiff than Vice President Gore at times.

Overall, *The Runner Stumbles* is much like life: it has good parts and bad parts, and if it weren't so slanted against religion it would be easier to handle. □



Tiffany Caywood, junior art major, and Genessis Wilson, senior graphic art major, examine one of Nick Kyle's pieces of art at the *Eclectic Rumors* exhibit showing now through Feb. 19 at the Spiva Art Gallery.

separation of man from each other and the natural world, and objects that change our concept of reality.

"One of my favorite pieces is one of my boxes. It was successful in transmitting the feeling I had behind it, and many people responded to that mixed media construction," he said.

Tiffany Caywood, student gallery assistant, says all of the responses from viewers have been positive and flattering.

"It's been a wonderful show so far, the people have really enjoyed it," she said. "I think it's a great opportunity to view an entire collection of a professor's work."

Kyle's paintings, sculpture, and pottery have been in 20 solo exhibitions and more than 50 group shows in Missouri, Indiana, Texas, Louisiana, Arizona, California, and Oklahoma. His work is handled by the Contemporary Art Gallery in Oklahoma City. □

CONCERT SCENE

Rock 'n' roll loses to boot scootin' in local entertainment market

Big name rockers elude entertainment purveyors in Joplin

By ERIC GRUBER
STAFF WRITER

Persons in the mood to rock 'n' roll all night with a favorite artist may have to leave town to get some satisfaction.

In Joplin, musical acts by major artists are usually country and stop in often.

One of the main reasons Joplin does not attract big-name acts is because of the tremendous cost to bring in artists.

Guitars and Cadillacs, a local country dance establishment, is one venue that has tried to bring rock showcases to Joplin. Last year it brought in Quiet Riot of 80s rock fame.

"It did not go over well," said Dan Vanderpool, manager of Guitars and Cadillacs.

He said it is difficult to get national acts because his facility seats only 400, and most well-known acts cost anywhere from \$9,000 to \$12,000. This would put ticket prices at \$30 just to break even.

Due to the poor turnout of the Quiet Riot show, Vanderpool said "we will not have any more acts like that."

Toni Craig, general manager of

the Iron Horse Restaurant and Pub, agrees it is too expensive for smaller venues to bring in big names. She said the Iron Horse has no current plans to bring in any national acts.

"At this time, no," Craig said. "I know that they would be extremely expensive."

Joe Gallagher, manager of Roadhouse Ruby's, said his establishment is looking into opening on Sunday nights and having national and local touring acts play.

"We're looking for some soulful-based grooves," he said.

Al Zar, head of the Zar Entertainment Group, knows all too well about the costs of bringing in music groups to Joplin.

"We're trying to find more non-country acts to bring into Joplin," he said. "Country is easier to deal with because the artists are willing to deal in the smaller markets."

Zar gave an example of Fleetwood Mac, whose price is anywhere from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Currently, Zar is putting on Blessid Union and Allure, which will be at Joplin's Memorial Hall on Feb. 21.

Another reason more major acts do not come to Joplin is timing.

Vanderpool said sometimes an artist is passing through from one concert to the next and will perform in a city in-between. Such an example is if an artist is playing in Tulsa and then in St. Louis two

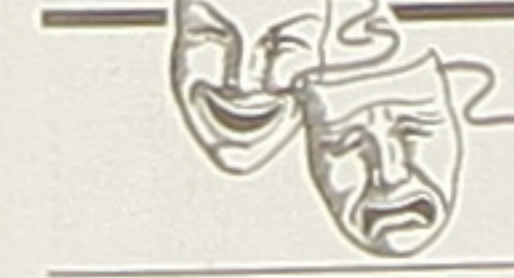
days later, he may schedule to play at a city between the two. This, in turn, brings the cost down greatly.

"A national act that cost \$20,000 to bring to Joplin could cost only \$12,000 as they're passing through," Vanderpool said.

Zar also agrees that timing is an issue. He said most groups begin touring in May and continue on through August and September. But in the summer, school lets out and then there are not enough interested people.

Craig gave a third option for why few big-name rock acts come to Joplin.

"The thing about Joplin is that they're stuck on this country thing," she said. □



COMING ATTRACTIONS

On Campus	Joplin	CHAMPS	Kansas City	Tulsa
TAYLOR AUDITORIUM Jan. 28-31— <i>The Runner Stumbles</i> Feb. 25-28—Guys and Dolls March 6— <i>Carmina Burana</i> ballet, 8 p.m. April 18, 19— <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	MATTHEWS AUDITORIUM Foreign Films Feb. 17—Il Grido (The Outcry) March 3—Page of Madness March 17—The Promoter March 31—The Forty-First April 14—The Torment WEBSTER AUDITORIUM Feb. 3—"From the Gallows to the Gavel" presentation, 7 p.m.	THE BYPASS 624-9095 Jan. 30—Brad Absher Jan. 31—King Friday Feb. 7—Live Comedy Feb. 13—Oreo Blue Feb. 14—Skybopfly Feb. 20—King Friday Feb. 21—Live Comedy Feb. 25—Jim Thackery Feb. 27—Trout Fishing in America Feb. 28—Walking on Einstein	782-4944 Jan. 30-31—Jokers Wild Feb. 3—Mardi Gras party with Kenny Neal Feb. 6-7—Scott Ellison Feb. 10—Deborah Coleman Feb. 13-14—Raisin' Kane Feb. 20-21—Trip Tones MEMORIAL HALL Jan. 31—Sawyer Brown and Terri Clark Feb. 21—Blessid Union of Souls and Allure	THE BEAUMONT Feb. 18—Spacemonkeys MEMORIAL HALL Feb. 7—Third Eye Blind
				MABEE CENTER Feb. 20—Bryan White and LeAnn Rimes Springfield SHRINE AUDITORIUM April 24—Audio Adrenaline, Supertones, and Jennifer Knapp, 7:30 p.m.

ARTS SHOWCASE



■ Rising country star Terri Clark brings her high-energy stage show to Joplin as the opening act for Sawyer Brown Saturday at Memorial Hall.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Department announces promotions for officers

Promotions of 10 police officers were announced earlier this month during a promotion ceremony at the Joplin Municipal Building.

Three officers were promoted to the rank of sergeant: Jeff Trotnic and Mark McGall, who are assigned to the investigations division, and Jon Hubbard, a patrol officer.

Those attaining the rank of corporal were Larry Stout, Randy Beebe, Tom McCullough, Gary Arias, and Darren Gallup, who are or will be assigned to the investigations division, and James Altic and Charla Geller, both assigned to the patrol division.

Kimberly Bash, a clerk at a local discount store, received a civilian service award for detecting a counterfeit \$100 bill that led to the arrest of a California fugitive. □

St. John's Hospital offers 'A Fair of the Heart'

St. John's Regional Medical Center is sponsoring "A Fair of the Heart" Saturday at the John Q. Hammons Trade Center.

Staff and associates of St. John's will have booths and displays providing information about diet, exercise, and heart disease prevention.

Heart care and healthy lifestyle seminars are slated for the event.

The exposition will feature free health screenings offered to the first 2,000 people who attend the fair. □

Congressman supports abolishing tax code

Southwest Missouri Congressman Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) and other supporters of the movement to eliminate the current federal tax code have gotten a commitment from House leadership to make abolishing the tax code one of the top three legislative priorities in 1998.

"We have talked about sunsetting the tax code long enough; this is a real step in moving comprehensive tax reform to a vote on the House floor this year," Blunt said.

Blunt, Bill Paxton (R-N.Y.), Steve Largent (R-Okla.), and others are filing a new consolidated bill to replace legislation they had last year.

The "Tax Code Elimination Act" would repeal the existing tax code, except for sections on Medicare, Social Security, and unemployment taxes by Dec. 31, 2001.

The proposed legislation sets a requirement for Congress to approve a new tax system by Independence Day, 2001.

"This date-certain time frame gives us three years of debate to create a new tax system to replace the failed one we have now," Blunt said.

The authors of the original sunset provisions that included Blunt agreed to unify their measure with another legislative program into one bill, containing the most compelling elements of both initiatives.

The "Tax Code Elimination Act" was introduced Tuesday, according to Blunt.

The "Tax Code Elimination Act" is similar to legislation that was co-sponsored by Blunt that would have terminated the existing tax code at the end of the year 2000.

Under the plan approved by House leadership, the effort to eliminate the 7,000-page federal tax code will be a primary piece of tax legislation this year.

The new measure to eliminate the current tax code does not specify a replacement tax system. □

NALA

Program inspires continued learning

Volunteers battle illiteracy using phonics, Laubach

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Whether it's a traumatic head wound that has caused them to forget, the need to learn English as a second language, or just that they never learned as a child, there is help for non-reading adults in Joplin.

Marj Boudreaux has been adult literacy coordinator at the Neighborhood Adult Literacy Action (NALA) since 1994. NALA has helped a number of adults in Joplin learn to read since it was founded in 1981.

"I consider my main job to be coordinating the schedules of tutors with those of students," Boudreaux said. "I do the initial reading test with every student who comes in. I give them a very quick reading test with a short list of words."

The test is not aimed at understanding the person's comprehension, but is designed to determine what symbols or letters the student recognizes and can read.

"That gives us a basis at what they can see and recognize," Boudreaux said. "Then the tutor works with them on reading skills, from phonics to whole words and whole language."

NALA uses the Laubach method of teaching the phonic sounds of the letters in the alphabet.

"The Laubach method uses pictures with letters, initially,"

FILLING A NEED

The Joplin NALA is looking for help:

Tutor — teach reading and writing to adults using special materials

Office Volunteer — answering phones, entering data, and serving as library assistant

Support Volunteer — to encourage the efforts of the tutors and students by telephone

Recruiter — to go into designated areas of the community to recruit students and tutors for the "Each One Teach One" program

Donor — to make a tax deductible contribution to Joplin NALA's efforts

NICK PARKER/The Chart

Boudreaux said. "That helps the student retain the phonic sound of the word."

NALA is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers for its tutors. It also trains tutors to use the Laubach method.

There are several reasons why students seek out NALA.

"We get a lot of referrals," Boudreaux said. "It varies. We get students who can read a few words at the first grade level, to the fifth grade level. Some come to us because they have been in an



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

NALA secretary and tutor Ruby Sparks teaches Ronald Lewis, of Asbury, some new lessons on spelling. Clients arrange for classes and are individually evaluated and placed with people who volunteer to tutor.

accident and the language part of their brain has been damaged, and they actually have to learn to read again. For some of them that's not possible because their brain is so damaged.

"A lot of people come in because they never learned to read in school," Boudreaux said. "They skipped around, or for various reasons they were left behind. Now they realize they need it."

Alvin Reimer is a 38-year-old student at NALA.

"He's had a head injury," said

June Reimer, Alvin's wife. "He passed out and hit his head one day and got a concussion. He had a sinus infection at the same time, and it caused him to forget everything he ever learned."

Reimer doesn't remember the accident, but he is learning to read again.

"All I know is I got up and that was it," he said. "Fill in the blank."

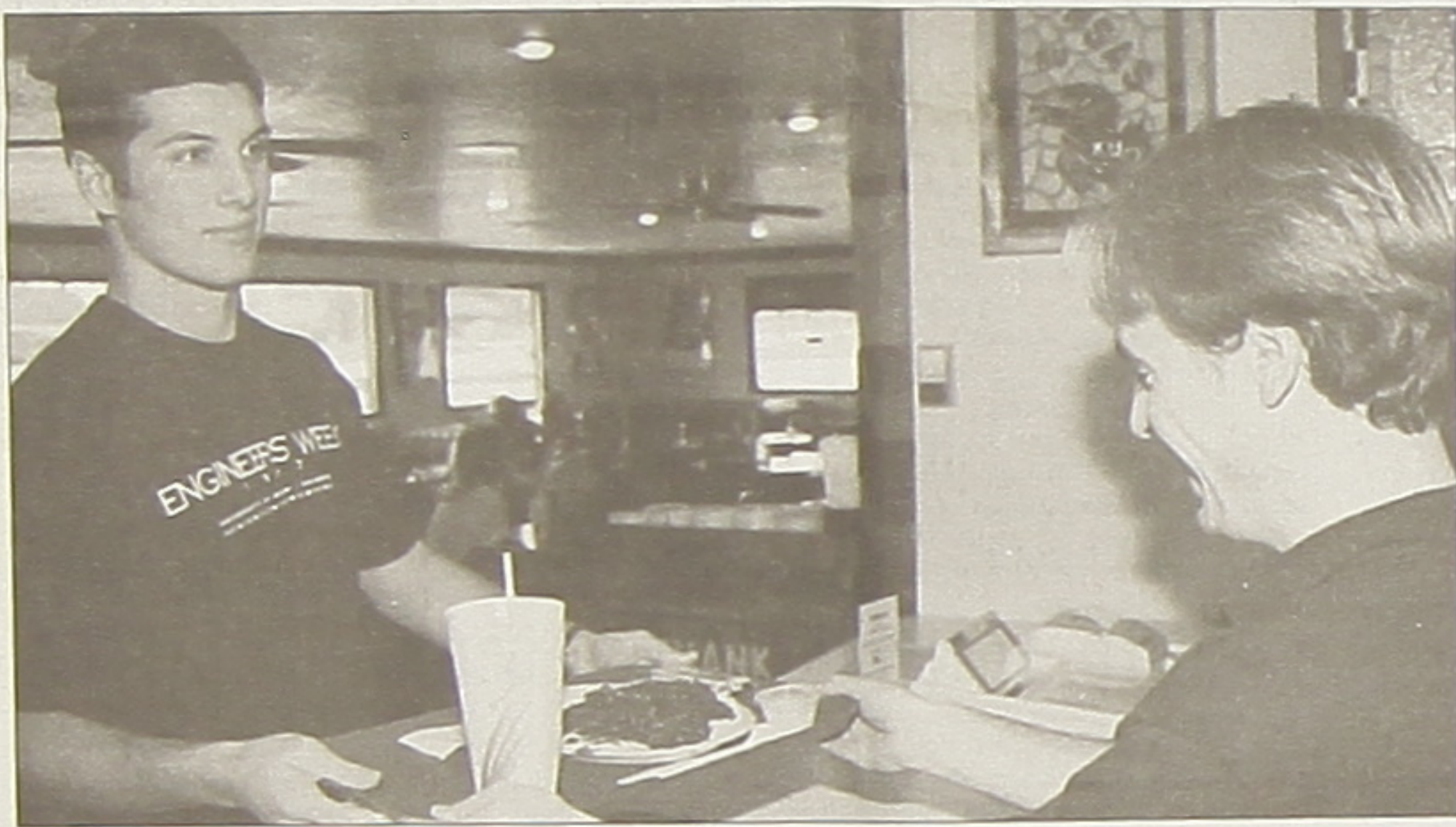
Reimer has been learning math with tutor David Anderson, a senior education major at Missouri Southern who became interested in

NALA through the Dare to Care program.

"I've been working with David for several months now," Reimer said. "I feel like I'm progressing as fast as I can. I'd like to be back to normal, but it's just not happening. I guess you can't walk to California in one hour."

NALA provides both day and night classes. Tutors and students are matched according to the hours each has available. Those interested in being students or tutors may call 625-5398. □

LOCAL RESTAURANT



TIM WILSON/The Chart

Jonathan Shull, sophomore physics engineering major, picks up his order from Rookies employee and Ozark Christian College senior Dusty Frizzell. Rookies Sports Grill offers a wide variety of sandwiches, sports, and trivia.

Rookies highlights food, athletics

By KIKI COFFMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Tradition has a new name with the opening of Rookies Sports Grill, a family owned dining establishment on the corner of Seventh and Duquesne Road.

Kevin Crane and Mike Miller, cousins and owners of Rookies, manage the business at the location of the former Babe's.

"We wanted to try to promote ourselves in a different way and by doing so we kind of got away from the original franchise (Babe's)," Crane said.

Miller echoed this sentiment. "We felt that we needed to break away because we have very definite views on the kind of place that we want to be," he said.

At the first of the year, Miller and Crane changed the name and discarded the franchise name, Babe's, in lieu of a new beginning. They said the name change drew a slew of questions.

"We only had the sign down for a week and everyone was like, 'Are you open?,' so we tried to get the new sign up as soon as we could," Miller said.

Other questions surfaced.

"And then everyone was asking why the name changed and what kinds of things were different," Crane said. "The questions really haven't stopped."

Miller said the duo plans to make immediate improvements on the eatery.

"Our immediate goals are increasing the parking, which should be taken care of pretty soon," he said. "After that we want to increase seating, and then we have some rearranging left to do. But for the rest of this month we just want to smooth things out."

Miller and Crane also hope to offer interactive entertainment, games, and trivia when they have enough space and regulars to appreciate the technology.

Rookies supports Missouri Southern sports and displays various players' jerseys on the walls.

"We're big supporters of MSSC athletics," Miller said.

One reason for the appreciation may be Miller and Crane's previous involvement in sports and that Crane's younger brother, Steven Crane, also plays baseball for Southern. WMBH

1450 AM will broadcast live from Rookies during the last home basketball game at Southern.

College teams aren't the only Southern extensions enjoying Rookies' availability. Campus organizations such as Koinonia and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes sometimes hold meetings at Rookies during the week.

Bethany Lawson, senior sociology major, said she liked something other than the new name.

"I think the thing that I like about Rookies is their sandwiches that Babe's didn't have," she said. "They're really good, something more than grease."

The owners of the hangout said more Rookies eventually may be in development.

"We'll take care of this store first, though, and then possibly move to franchise," Crane said.

Friday night is busiest, but the owners agree they enjoy the steady stream of traffic coming during the rest of the week, regardless.

"For a lot of people [Friday night] is their night out and we get a lot of mall traffic on Friday nights and the weekends," Crane said. □

JOPLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Media center goes interactive

By BETH HAMILTON
STAFF WRITER

A new communication link implemented in December is proving to be an effective addition to the community, according to Joplin High School Principal Darrel Warren.

Joplin High School's Timothy T. Reynolds Multimedia Learning Center is joined with schools in the district and Missouri Southern via fiber optic links.

The links will allow Joplin School Board meetings to be broadcast live by Southern's television station (KGCS-LP) at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

"We have the capability for interactive videos with each elementary and middle school, and they will have video capabilities to talk back and forth," Warren said. "I think it's a tremendous opportunity for students and teachers. I think if they watch it down the road, they will see the impact it makes."

The school board meetings are shown on KGCS as a community service.

"It opens up communication," said Judy Stiles, general manager of KGCS. "Right now, the most visible thing to people is the school board meetings that we air."

"It's just another way we let people know what's going on at board meetings," Warren said.

Two part-time technical assistants at the media center aid students during school hours. Darrel Dishman, operations manager, is one of them.

"It's an exciting facility," he said. "It's just beginning. We're just now getting all the equipment in."

The Multimedia Center is comprised of two classrooms that serve as television studios with a control room in between. The larger room has four cameras mounted on the walls. The smaller room has two cameras and approximately 20 computers connected to the Internet. The computers also have a graphics lab.

The center is available to any nonprofit group in the community.

"When the grant was made available, they were very specific that this would be for the district," Dishman said. "They want community groups to be able to utilize it."

One of the grants given was from Timothy T. Reynolds, the building's namesake, and another was from the school district.

Morris Sweet, KGCS chief engineer, assisted Dishman with the layout and equipment at the center.

"Without Morris, this thing wouldn't have gone as smoothly," Dishman said.

Another option with the fiber optic link to Southern is that classes held at the College will be broadcast to the high school.

"Southern is a link to the bigger picture for us," Warren said.

Dishman said arrangements may be made to use the center by calling 625-5248 during regular school hours. □

JUDICIARY SYSTEM

Clerk cases escalate

Workload swell prompts automation

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Thanks in part to the Missouri General Assembly, Jasper County Courthouse Circuit Clerk Kathleen McGuire has little trouble keeping busy while in her office.

Based on monthly state workload estimates, McGuire's office requires a minimum full-time equivalent (FTE) of 27 employees in order to manage the number of cases assigned. She currently has 13.

According to McGuire, the Missouri state legislature has annually increased the responsibilities of the circuit clerk position without providing additional revenues for implementation of said tasks. McGuire has yet to see any light at the end of her tedious tunnel.

"Every year, the legislature pass-

es laws that increase our responsibilities," McGuire said.

"It gets very frustrating because we don't have adequate resources."

In his State of the Judiciary address, State Supreme Court Chief Justice Duane Benton called the overload of circuit court case-loads "extreme," citing a request from the Circuit Court budget committee for 147 new clerks in the fiscal 1999 budget.

"This number may sound shocking," Benton said. "Please keep it in perspective. There have been no — zero — additional court clerks appropriated for the last two years, so any increase will cover a three-year period."

Benton went on to blame the overload not only on the additional responsibilities of clerks, but also an explosion in the number of cases handled by clerks involving social deviancy.

"The number of clerks and other employees funded by the budget has barely increased in recent years, yet there have been dramatic

increases in the number of cases handled by these employees due to increases in crime, drug use, juvenile delinquency, adult abuse, divorce, and all kinds of litigation," he said.

"While the number of clerks has remained the same, child support collection responsibilities have grown even faster than the case filing rate, and now are a major part of the workload in many circuit courts."

And according to McGuire, her office is one of the hardest hit in the state by the workload swell.

"In the last year, the greatest increase in workloads has been in southwest Missouri," she said.

A case in point: When McGuire took office in 1991, the child support collected by her office the previous year totaled \$1.6 million. In 1997, that number had skyrocketed nearly 500 percent to an estimated \$9 million. During this time, McGuire made only minimal additions to her staff, none coming in the last three years when the



AARON DESLATTE/The Chart
Jasper County clerk Kathleen McGuire looks over a day's caseload.

increase was most concentrated.

Besides attempts at appropriating additional clerks, Benton said current efforts to automate state courts would assist in alleviating the clerk shortage.

"We must leverage their [clerks'] time and effort, taking advantage of technology to streamline filing, case file handling, trial, appeal, and disposition of cases," he said to the General Assembly.

Missouri court automation was voted into law in 1994 and renewed last year. The plan called for the

complete automation of judicial accounting and case management system.

While the automation was appropriated three years ago, it has been implemented only in Montgomery County.

Despite slow progress in the system's installation, McGuire is optimistic the automation will greatly alleviate the drudgery prevalent in her office.

"It will be quite a bit faster," she said. "I don't really want another 14 people in here, anyway." □

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Blunt seeks President's intervention in complaint

Congressman Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) is urging President Clinton to "forcefully pursue a successful conclusion to the trade complaint against the Canadian dairy export system. Canada simply must live up to its World Trade Organization (WTO) obligations," Blunt said in a letter to the president. Blunt said it was likely the U.S. will have to use the tarnished WTO dispute settlement process to enforce its legitimate trade rights.

"Our trade agreements will have very little meaning unless the U.S. government insists that nations abide by their commitments," Blunt said.

"The United States must stop giving away its positions on fair trade, and demand that other nations keep their word and open their markets to American competition as we do for our competitors."

The year-old dispute centers on Canada's refusal to live up to its agreements made in the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) at the Uruguay Round. The U.S. dairy industry filed a petition on Sept. 5, charging Canada with understanding the volume of subsidized Canadian milk exports. The petition points out that Canada agreed to import 64,500 tons of milk annually, but now refuses to do so.

The results are that U.S. milk exporters are effectively barred from competing in Canada and efforts to expand into overseas market opportunities are hampered by Canada's export system. Under the export subsidy system, Canada's dairy trade balance went from a deficit of \$19 million (Canadian dollars) in 1993 to a surplus of \$68 million in 1996.

Blunt said increased illegal Canadian dairy exports made as a result of violations in its trade agreements come at the expense of U.S. dairy exports to such markets as Japan, Korea, China, Russia and Mexico.

In 1996, Canada won a WTO dispute settlement that allowed Canada to protect its dairy industry from American competition under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Blunt said: "That decision shook the dairy industry's faith in the dispute settlement process. Another setback would seriously erode dairy industry support to future trade negotiations."

Blunt urged the President to dedicate adequate resources to winning the dispute with Canada. Blunt said: "Without this serious commitment, other nations will, no doubt, choose to follow Canada's lead in disregarding their trade commitments." □

Attorney General sues software manufacturer

Missouri Attorney General Jay Nixon on Tuesday sued a California software vendor, SDR Technologies, for failure to provide usable computer software to the Missouri Ethics Commission for electronic filing of campaign finance and lobbyist reports.

Nixon filed a breach of contract suit in Cole Circuit Court seeking immediate delivery of usable software and payment for damages, or that the court rescind the contract and order the company make full restitution to the state and pay damages.

Missouri state law, passed in 1997, required the Missouri Ethics Commission to have in place by the beginning of 1998 an electronic filing system to allow citizens to review by computer the finance reports of political parties and special interest groups.

In June 1997, the state paid \$285,000 to SDR Technologies for the anticipated future performance of the campaign finance reporting contract.

No payments were made on the second contract involving lobbyist reporting. Nixon is seeking recovery of the money paid. □

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Welfare officials doubt reform's impact on homeless

Inside homelessness

REGION	1994 census	1996 census
Northern Tier	521	362
Mid-America	1,577	2,031
• The Lakes	1,422	906
Southeast	315	283
Gateway	2,070	2,023
I-70 Corridor	651	417
TOTALS	6,556	6,022
• Includes Jasper, Newton and McDonald counties		

NICK PARKER/The Chart

Report finds homelessness declining across the state; discourages welfare reform

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — State officials on Wednesday downplayed the effect of federal welfare reform on Missouri's percentage of homeless citizens.

A two-year study released by the Missouri Association for Social Welfare last week indicated that homelessness fell statewide by 8 percent between 1994 and 1996. The drop was highest in southwest Missouri, where the number of people seeking shelter fell 36 percent.

Association members had said last week that the results of the study did not reflect potential problems that may arise as a result of current federal efforts to move more citizens off the welfare system and called for caution in implementing such welfare changes.

But according to Tom Jones, assistant director for welfare reform at the Missouri Department of

Social Services, the current welfare reform measures should have no negative repercussions on the percentage of homeless Missourians.

"The whole point of welfare reform is to help people get jobs," Jones said.

"We're trying to reduce as many barriers for the homeless as possible, not add problems."

The Missouri Association for Social Welfare had recommended in its report that the Department of Social Services "should ensure that its welfare reform does not reduce the rolls by dropping clients into charity rather than welfare."

Jones responded by saying that while the jump from welfare to working-class was a difficult step to make for many recipients, initiatives were under way to assist those making the leap.

"We know a person who gets off [welfare] and gets a minimum wage job is not going to suddenly rise out of poverty," he said. "But we are enacting programs which will help them in acquiring assets and staying off the street."

Jones also cited a study by the Department of Social Services that found that since 1993 approximately 86,000 welfare recipients in the state of Missouri had been successfully moved off the program.

"If their [Missouri Association for Social Welfare] numbers are correct, it doesn't seem that welfare reform is having a negative impact on homelessness."

The Missouri Association report says the decrease in homelessness is most likely due to an improved economy. The association, which began measuring homeless percentages in 1985, said the drop in the 1996 census was the first the group had recorded.

But while the total number of homeless dropped, the report also found that homeless citizens were staying at shelters for longer periods of time, and the number of transitional homeless shelters in the state had risen from 63 to 112 over the last three years.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) cautioned that while the association's findings were encouraging, the implication that welfare reform would negatively effect those numbers was unlikely.

"We have a good situation in southwest Missouri, but I'm not sure that I've heard the problem has diminished by one-third," he said.

"It's not because we've built more houses. We have a very strong economy. It's interesting that they would put this information out three weeks into the session." □

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Legislation seeks tougher zero tolerance enforcement

By AARON DESLATTE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Two area legislators have proposed a bill that would amend an already existing zero tolerance law pertaining to minors driving under the influence of alcohol and strengthen law enforcement officers' ability to enforce it.

State Rep. Gary Marble (R-Neosho) is sponsoring the legislation and is optimistic the bill will gain General Assembly approval and be signed into law.

That is, if the Assembly allows the bill to see the light of day.

The current zero tolerance law says the stop of a minor must be based on probable cause to believe a violation of a traffic offense has occurred.

If a minor refuses to give consent for chemical testing, he or she must be released immediately.

If passed, the new legislation co-sponsored by Rep. Mary Lou Sallee (R-Springfield) would enact implied consent for chemical testing.

"The major change instigated by my legislation is the addition of language allowing officers to detain minors if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe the juvenile was driving with an amount of alcohol in the person's blood above .02 percent," Marble said in a legislative report. "This amount is equivalent to one mixed drink or a single beer."

If a minor refuses to submit to testing, the bill would allow a detaining officer to immediately suspend the minor's driving privileges for up to one year.

Last year, Marble sponsored an identi-

cal bill that was passed by the House, but due to time constraints died on the Senate floor during the last day of the 1997 session.

The "loophole" in the existing law was brought to Marble's attention by the Missouri Highway Patrol, he said.

The Highway Patrol, as well as other law enforcement agencies, had encountered immediate difficulties enforcing the legislation, according to Marble.

"Everyone thought we passed zero tolerance two years ago," he said. "But right now there really is no zero tolerance law if kids know the loophole."

Lt. Carl Francis, Joplin Police Department patrol division commander, is one of the many law enforcement officers who say the current zero tolerance law doesn't do enough. Francis favors "stiffer penalties" that would help in the enforcement of zero tolerance laws but also cautions that additional steps should be taken to prevent underage drinking.

"We need to encompass this law with other efforts," he said.

"We don't want to make criminals out of all our kids. There needs to be other efforts to deal with the problem of minors with alcohol."

Marble, who will promote his legislation at a Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) meeting at the State Capitol on Tuesday, expects House hearing procedures regarding the bill to commence within the next two months.

According to Marble, the increased attention the bill is generating will help to accomplish its goal.

"If I get their attention and even one [minor] doesn't drink and drive, I've done part of my job," he said. □

IN REMEMBRANCE



AARON DESLATTE/The Chart
Students from Jefferson City High School joined the National Council of Jewish Women on Wednesday in leading a Silent Witness March on the Missouri Capitol Building to kickoff Advocacy Day Against Domestic Violence. The march featured life-sized silhouettes of Missouri women who have been murdered by their partners.

BUDGET: Leon happy with funds

From Page 4

In a press conference following his address, Carnahan defended his capital improvements recommendations.

"I do not think we over-funded education," he said when questioned regarding the increase in higher education funding. "Most of our choices were either very cost-effective renovations or projects we had already started."

Southern has requested allocations to finance library renovations for the last four years.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education had asked for a \$6.8 million library recommendation to cover the costs.

However, the budget calls for \$650,744 to be raised by local means. According to Burton,

Southern's allocation is dependent on raising the local share.

"It will be very important for Southern to come up with their [funding] match," he said.

Following the release of the 1999 budget, Leon said he was not worried about coming up with the difference.

"We'll come up with it (the money)," he said. "I don't know how, but we'll do it."

Leon suggested the local share could come from corporate contributions.

The addition to the library will facilitate equipment to be used in a statewide initiative linking state library systems. In his submitted budget, Carnahan recommended \$10,205,535 for the project via his Common Library System Platform. □

LEON: Students who stay informed will find themselves seldom without a job

From Page 4

International Education. If global forces are drastically changing the business environment, then it stands to reason that a person who wants to be successful in such an environment should do everything possible to obtain as much knowledge as possible about the international business environment, about international affairs, about other countries and their cultures, and about their languages. Because of the college's a new, enhanced international education mission, a Missouri Southern student can take foreign languages to attain proficiency in a second language, major or minor in International Business, major or minor in International studies, travel and study abroad, etc. The students who take advantage of these opportunities to enhance and enrich their degrees, will certainly enter the 21st Century

workplace in a better competitive position.

Computer Literacy. Computers and telecommunications are accelerating the pace of change. The student who takes computer classes to be familiar with this important tool, with software packages, with the world wide web, with computer networks will be able to operate more effectively in the information age environment.

Ability To Communicate. One of the keys to success in today's job environment is the ability to communicate effectively in written and oral fashion. The Missouri Southern student that includes in his program courses in speech, communications, English composition, presentation skills with Power Point, etc., will be in a better position to interact effectively with coworkers in the usually self-contained, decentralized, highly entrepreneurial and self-directed small units that characterize

the work environment today.

Attitude. It is a well-known fact that people get hired because of their attitudes and get fired because of their attitudes. In the new business environment we have described, the concept of attitude goes beyond the idea of getting along with others or being cooperative. The attitude employees will need today is also one of commitment, of being like in business for yourself, of wanting to remain of value to the enterprise.

Those characteristics can also be developed and nurtured here at Missouri Southern. But they will require a conscious effort on the part of the student in every aspect of the student academic life. Some examples should be enough to illustrate the point.

The student who goes into a class to truly learn a subject, not to "just do enough" to get a passing grade will begin to develop the kind of attitude

the workplace requires today.

Businesses do not want half-hearted efforts. The student who asks "Is this going to be on the test?" is probably not developing the kind of attitude that will be needed. Just like in business, commitment to the educational process, a hustle to learn, and to go beyond "the minimum" in your classes will prepare you very well for the competitive workplace. Invest passionately in your courses. It will eventually pay off handsomely.

The world is changing rapidly and there is not much we can do about it. Adapt we must.

The smart Missouri Southern student who anticipates in her freshman year what will be required of her when she enters the workplace, and who prepares accordingly by taking advantage of what our college offers, will be better able to cope with what will be an ever changing environment. □

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ATHLETIC ALUMNI

Trip to San Diego makes Smith 'Super'



Former Southern football star Rod Smith (80) is a starting receiver for the Super Bowl champion Denver Broncos.

Former Southern standout starts in Super Bowl for Broncos

By NICK PARKER
MANAGING EDITOR

When Denver Broncos wide receiver Rod Smith speaks of the success he's experienced in the NFL, he speaks of dedication and hard work put in not only by himself but by his teammates.

Smith, who still holds MIAA receiving records from his career at Missouri Southern, enjoyed his best season to date this year. In what many called a risky maneuver, Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan opted to let veteran receiver Anthony Miller go and rely on the unproven Smith.

Smith took advantage of the opportunity and led the team in receiving yards with 1,180 yards on 70 catches. Smith's Broncos won the Super Bowl 31-24 over Green Bay on Sunday.

"Everything is really going good right now," Smith said. "It's just a matter of putting in the work, and I've definitely been doing a lot of work."

"The thing that makes our team successful is plain unselfishness. Everybody on the team works together and works for each other. They come to work and try to please the guy next to them. If you please the guy next to you, then it is easier to please yourself."

Smith said taking advantage of opportunities was a big factor in the success he has had both in the professional ranks and at Southern.

He credits Southern and former head coach Jon Lantz for teaching him to set his goals high and how to reach them.

"I don't ever want to look back and say if I had worked harder or taken that opportunity, then I would still be playing football," Smith said.

"Coach Lantz taught me a lot when I was there. He will always be a part of my family because of what I learned from him. He taught me to strive for my goals."

Smith said he remembers a goals seminar taught by Lantz, where he asked each person to write down how much money he wanted to make in a year.

"When he saw what I had written, he looked at me and said don't sell yourself short," Smith said. "He taught me if I wanted to make \$100,000 a year, then to write down \$150,000. He taught me to always reach high."

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Rod Smith
Denver Broncos
wide receiver

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the game is always different," he said. "If all 11 guys execute perfectly, then it's a touchdown. All 11 guys executing together and doing what it takes, that's what we're all about on this team."

"I'm not just a wide receiver; I block, and I don't mind that. We all have the will and we will do whatever it takes to win. You get more rewards when you win than when you lose." □

"It wasn't just Lantz, but all of the coaches. They have all been behind me the whole time and helped develop me into an NFL player. One thing I believe in is if you expect the best, you get the best."

"I have two rules: first, I find out what the rules are and I live by them; second, I work hard. I even teach these rules to my kids. In life, there are rules; you have to follow them and always work hard."

Smith has three children: Vanessa, 8; Devin, 5; and Roderick, 3.

The fourth year pro will return to the Bronco line-up next season as Denver's No. 1 receiver. He said the thrills and challenges of competition are what will keep him striving to be a better receiver.

"It's never the same; the game is always different," he said. "If all 11 guys execute perfectly, then it's a touchdown. All 11 guys executing together and doing what it takes, that's what we're all about on this team."

RECOGNITION

Running back, punter receive honors from football publications

Postseason accolades come to football players who are overlooked

By JEFF WELLS
STAFF WRITER

Two football Lions, Justin Taylor and Caleb Lewis, are being honored by football publications for their efforts this past season.

College Football Chronicle named Taylor to the Unsung Hero All-America Team.

The award honors athletes who have overcome adversity and sacrificed personal glory for the betterment of their team. Unsung All-Americans are named from colleges and universities of all sizes.

Neil Vistero, president and director of

sales and marketing, said "self sacrifice, determination, and perseverance, in conjunction with a strong commitment to team, distinguish each member, regardless of the level of competition."

"I consider it a great honor," Taylor said. "It puts me in great company with former Southern players like Rod Smith and Richard Jordan."

Taylor's career as a Lion began in the 1993 MIAA championship season. He was redshirted and served the team as a defensive back on the scout team.

The next season, Taylor moved to the offense. He started at running back before being injured during the sixth game of the 1994 campaign. His 126 yards and three touchdowns were third on the team's rushing list. His efforts earned him Southern's Rookie of the Year award.

As a sophomore, Taylor was a stand-out on special teams in addition to an honor-

able mention All-MIAA performance at cornerback.

Five games into the 1996 season, Taylor suffered another season-ending knee injury.

He began last season by contributing on special teams, ending the season with eight tackles. However, injuries propelled Taylor back into the starting running back role during the four-game winning streak that closed the year. He finished with 42 carries for 138 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

Taylor attributed his comeback to his doctor and Southern athletic trainer Marty Conklin and staff.

"I blew out my ligaments," he said. "You hear of guys getting hurt and not coming back. There was a little bit of doubt whether I would make it back. You have to approach it with a no-fear attitude and hope and pray it works out."

During the season, he was named a

Burger King Scholar Athlete award winner. The weekly national award brought \$10,000 to Southern's general scholarship fund.

Taylor, a senior environmental health major with a 3.38 grade-point average, has been named to the MIAA All-Academic Team three times.

Lewis, a punter, was an honorable mention on Don Hansen's Football Gazette list of All-Americans. The junior averaged over 42 yards per punt this season, the second highest in the MIAA and fifth in NCAA Division II. He has the second highest career average for Southern punters at 40.1. Lewis' play gave the Lions exciting special teams play with 15 of his punts being downed inside the 20.

The award came as a surprise to Lewis, who was named second-team All-MIAA.

"It caught me off guard," he said. "I didn't believe it until I saw it in the paper." □

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Justin Taylor
Former Lion
running back

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RECRUITING

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Pat Lipira
Softball coach

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Expectations high for three softball newcomers

Lipira adds pitching buffers with signings

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

Even though the 1998 Lady Lion softball season hasn't begun yet, coach Pat Lipira has already started to improve next year's team.

By signing three new players for 1999, Lipira hopes to make a big impact. The players are Hailey Stanley, Webb City;

Kasey Martin, Riverton; and Stacy Guptill, Tulsa.

"All three of the girls are quality players," Lipira said.

Guptill and Stanley are versatile, as both can also pitch.

"They're all great students, and they both are also quality pitchers," Lipira said. "They all played for quality high school teams and some very good summer league teams."

Lipira said it is important to play against good competition all year round to get ready for a whole new game at the college level.

"In order to play in college, you need to play all over and adjust to college," she said.

Early recruiting is nothing new to Lipira to stay competitive. A college coach cannot stop and rest.

"It's a lot easier to adjust after 17 years, but recruiting never stops," Lipira said. There are still some spots she is looking to improve on next year. Her main concerns are finding help up the middle.


"I would still like to bring in a middle infielder, which I hope I will do in April," Lipira said. □

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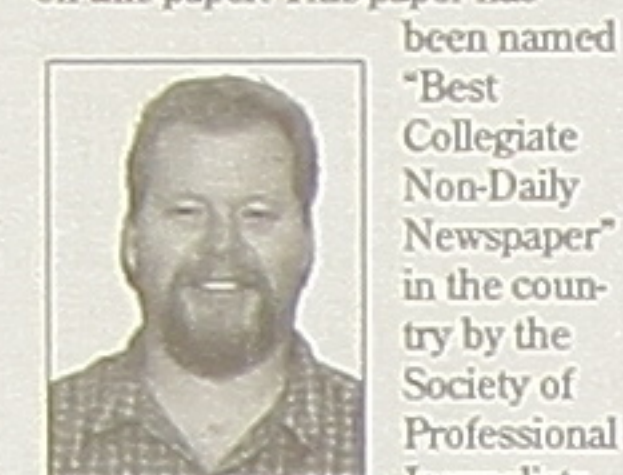


Sports SCOPE

Departments should base pay on worth

This may seem just a bit off the beaten sports track, but bear with me, it will eventually work its way around to it.

I'd like to start out by pointing out that I, as editor-in-chief of this newspaper, get paid \$5.15 an hour for only 10 hours a week to work on this paper. This paper has



J. L. Griffin
Editor-in-Chief

been named "Best Collegiate Non-Daily Newspaper" in the country by the Society of Professional Journalists two years in a row. So yes, I get paid less

than a fry cook at Burger King. I work longer than the fry cook, and I certainly work harder than the fry cook. I said I get paid for 10 hours of work each week, but in actuality I work anywhere from 40 to 60 hours a week at this newspaper.

On one occasion Nick Parker and I stayed up for 63 consecutive hours to make sure the newspaper was put to bed in the quality condition to which this campus and this country have become accustomed. And there are people who work on this newspaper as hard, if not harder, than me.

Now, you won't find my name listed on pages 1204 through 1207 of the new *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, but you can find every coach, instructor, administrator, and custodian on campus and their salaries. I'm not going to burn bridges by announcing these salaries, but I thought anyone who's interested has the right to know, because we are, in fact, footing the bill for some of these fat cats.

And nowhere are the cats fatter than in the athletic department. We're talking about new coaches who make more than instructors who have earned doctorates and worked on this campus for years. Some instructors get paid squat for sticking around, while some coaches use Missouri Southern as a launching pad for comfier digs, and get paid extremely well to do so.

Even in the athletic department things aren't really that fair. There are coaches who have brought home national titles and whose sport dr. vs bigger crowds on rain-outs than other teams, and they get paid less than they should when compared to some of their colleagues.

Someone long ago pointed out the obvious, "Money makes the world go around." Recently, Sean "Puffy" Combs updated the phrase with, "It's all about the Benjamins."

And the Bennies come pouring in when one takes into account the shoe and apparel money some coaches make, television show contracts, and appearance and camp fees.

When someone gets paid an outrageous sum of dough to stand around yelling at a bunch of guys with a spare ball in their hands, and a professor gives up dinner with the family every week to make a few extra dollars teaching night classes, that's wrong.

Missouri Southern has no excuse to pay coaches the amount they receive and not do the same with the instructors. At Duke, UCLA, or Michigan it would be understandable, but no one in Stowe, Vermont, is going to opt for the sporty new Missouri Southern pullover instead of its USC counterpart. □

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Southern falls to No. 16 Gorillas

Corn cites turnover problem as reason for team's faltering

By ANDRE SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Turnovers at crucial moments proved to be the deciding factor as the Missouri Southern men's basketball team bowed to 16th ranked Pittsburg State (7-2, 17-2) 83-76.

More than 1,600 fans witnessed runs by Southern (5-4, 12-7) come to a screeching halt by means of a mishandled ball or thrown away pass.

"Both times we'd make a run and cut the lead to three or four, they would blow the lead back up to eight or nine because of turnovers," Southern head coach Robert Corn said. "They turned some of our turnovers into easy baskets. It's hard to win games like this when you turn the ball over 21 times."

Pittsburg State also won the physical battle underneath. Javier Velazquez and Doug Gillispie combined for 36 points and 7 personal fouls versus Matt Olson and Osiris Ricardo's 24 points and 5 fouls.

Although they had more rebounds, Olson admits that they were "out-toughed."

"Their toughness was a little better than ours and we didn't execute when we had to," he said. "Javier is much improved from last year. We just didn't rise to the challenge quick enough."

"We didn't do a good enough job inside," Corn added. "If we are going to be successful we need to get Osiris and Matt more touches than we did."

After trading baskets for the first nine minutes of the game, Pittsburg State went on a 15-4 run that ended on a Mario Phillips free throw. Southern put together a 6-0 run of it's own, but were kept at a distance for the rest of the half. They took to the locker room an eight point deficit and 2-5 record when trailing at the half.

"Every possession is crucial and we gave up some good ones," Corn said. "We missed some early layups and those are opportunities you can't let get by you."

The second half began much like the first half was played, with the two teams trading baskets and missed shots. After a Larry Bateman turnover at the 17:51 mark, the Gorillas extended their lead to nine. A few Pittsburg State

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Matt Olson
Lion center

turnovers, seven points by Terry Mills, and a thunderous two-handed slam by Olson brought the crowd to their feet and the Lions within a point of tying the game with 11:28 left.

Velazquez and Gillispie crashed the offensive and defensive boards on Southern shots that were off the mark, and gave the Gorilla's a 13-point lead with 5:58 left in the contest.

A Bateman jumper cut the lead to six, but a comeback was inconceivable and Southern was handed it's fourth conference loss.

Olson and Ricardo grabbed nine rebounds apiece and Mills led all scorers with 23 points. Southern, who is 0-5 when out-shot by their opponent, had a 43.9 shooting percentage to Pittsburg's 46.9.

The Lions will try to put this



AARON DESLATTIE/The Chart
Junior center Matt Olson drove the baseline to bring home two points for the Lions during a Jan. 28, win over MIAA foe Missouri-Rolla.

loss behind them and prepare for a second squabble with the Emporia State Hornets Saturday at Young Gymnasium. Emporia State won 71-68 when the teams met Jan. 24. Corn said to look for a more aggressive team to show up.

"We didn't attack their zone well enough last game," he said. "We will play hard and tough."

The Pittsburg State loss comes after the Lions defeated Central Missouri State Monday. That win was with the Mules coming off an upset victory over the nationally ranked Gorillas last week. □

By the Numbers

MSSC	34	44	78
PSU	35	48	78
■ Brian Taylor 2, Matt Olson 16, Osiris Ricardo 8, Larry Bateman 11, Mario Phillips 11, Rashaan Hicks 2, Allan Brown 3, Terry Mills 23			

NEXT UP:
Southern vs. Emporia State, 6 p.m., Jan. 31, Young Gymnasium

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Gorillas swing past Lady Lions

Southern readies for home match-up with Emporia State

By SUSIE FRISBIE
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Even with a loss Wednesday night, the Missouri Southern Lady Lion basketball players they still may have some bite left in their game.

The Lady Lions went down 83-78 at the hands of the Pittsburg State Gorillas at Young Gymnasium. Southern falls to 3-16 overall and 1-8 in the MIAA. PSU is 12-7 overall and 5-4 in the conference.

The game started off well for coach Amy Townsend's Lady Lions. Southern jumped out to an early lead, a lead it would maintain for most of the first half.

Midway through the first half the Lady Lions led by as much as 21-12, but after five consecutive turnovers the Gorillas tied the game.

"We felt like there were several big issues in the game; one was taking care of the ball," Townsend said.

By the end of the half the Lady Lions found themselves down 35-34.

To start the second half, the Gorillas scored nine unanswered points.

"We were in it and that was our main focus," Townsend said. "When we came out in the second half, we were flat and our heads were down."

The Lady Lions had several chances to catch the Gorillas, coming as close as three points. These chances came via KaTonya Samuels.

"There was a great foot race between Leslie Dudley and KaTonya Samuels," Townsend said. "She really played like a senior down the stretch."

The Gorillas' ball handling would ultimately prove to be too much for the Lady Lions to overcome.

"We really valued the ball extremely well in the second half," said PSU head basketball coach Steve High. "We only turned the ball over twice."

Free throws were also falling the way of the Gorillas.

"We hit free throws that were critical down the stretch," High said.

Though the Lady Lions were unable to catch PSU, Townsend believes her team played a hard-fought game.

"We showed a lot of guts fighting

TRACK & FIELD

Lions bolt into new season

By JOE ECKHOFF
STAFF WRITER

While most Missouri Southern students were still enjoying the semester break, the men's indoor track team had already started its season.

That season continued last week-end with action at the University of Arkansas.

"We just use these first couple of meets to see where we're at and get the rust out," said coach Tom Rutledge.

"A big improvement for us was Jon Wilks, who in just seven days cut off seven seconds from his time in the mile."

One position the Lions have depth in is their throwers. More than five are throwing farther than 45 feet.

After the holidays, some runners came back in better condition than others.

"You could definitely tell who trained over the holidays," Rutledge said.

If the young Lions keep up their hard training, results could come quickly.

"We don't have a lot of depth, but I'm very pleased with the progress of the younger guys," he said.

The Lady Lions have also been in action for the past two weeks.

"The Arkansas meet is basically a warm-up meet to step into the season," coach Patty Vavra said.

Some freshmen have already made a big impact in their first competition, including LaKisha Williamson in the 200-meter run.

Another bright spot for the Lady Lions was DaLana Lofland, who ran her best time ever indoor or outdoor in the 400-meter-run.

"It is good to see, because she's led every practice for the past four years," Vavra said. "She really is a good role model for the rest of the team."

Last week the Lions were the only NCAA Division II school to compete in the meet with Division I schools.

"It's really good for us to start off the season against Division I competition," Vavra said.

For both the Lions and the Lady Lions the next meet is Feb. 7 at the University of Kansas.

"I'm really impressed the way we opened our season; almost everybody improved," Vavra said. □



NICK PARKER/The Chart
Sophomore guard Chara Oldfield (left) drives past a Missouri-Rolla defender and fellow teammate junior guard Mandy Olson for a Lady Lion score. Southern fell to Pittsburg State 83-78 Wednesday at Young Gym.

By the Numbers

MSSC	34	44	78
PSU	35	48	78
■ Mandy Olson 4, Megan Mickey 7, Sara Jones 14, Chara Oldfield 6, KaTonya Samuels 15, Devon Ahrens 10, Lyndsey Kenealy 11, Shelly Oliver 11			

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Southern vs. Emporia State, 6 p.m., Jan. 31, Fred G. Hughes Stadium

back against a good team," she said.

Townsend believes things are starting to look up for her team.

"This game was the most complete game we've played," she said. "I think we're really starting to come around."

Southern's next test comes Saturday night as the Lady Lions take on Emporia State at home. They then face Southwest Baptist in Bolivar on Tuesday.

The Lady Lions only conference win came against the University of Missouri-Rolla last week. Their chance for a sweep of the series with the Lady Miners comes Feb. 18 in Rolla. □